

## Thatcher and Hammer pledge £2m for North Sea victims

# Oil platform safety 'needs basic rethink'

By David Sapped, Andrew Morgan, Ruth Gledhill and Tony Dawe

The need for far-reaching changes to improve the safety of oil platforms in the North Sea after the deaths of 166 men aboard the Piper Alpha rig was agreed last night by the Prime Minister and Dr Armand Hammer, chairman of the company which operated the platform.

Dr Hammer admitted that oil workers had been placed "in a precarious position" because their accommodation was directly above the gas compression module where the devastating explosion occurred.

As the search continued "for bodies, not survivors", Dr Hammer, chairman of Occidental Petroleum, met the Prime Minister to discuss ways of preventing a similar tragedy.

Earlier in the day, both had announced £1 million donations to a trust fund set up by the Lord Provost of Aberdeen for families of the victims and for the 64 survivors. The EEC had agreed on a £560,000 contribution.

Dr Hammer said after the meeting that the design of North Sea platforms, present and future, required basic changes in the light of the disaster.

He said: "Mrs Thatcher thinks, and we think, that when we complete our survey and the Government completes theirs, it will be that the living quarters will have to be removed from the precarious position they are now in."

He said that all North Sea operators would benefit from the changes. Only the Norwegians had so far started planning platforms without accommodation, with workers commuting by air from the mainland.

He did not rule out completely separating the living quarters from the production platform itself. However, he said a team of experts appointed yesterday by the Government and led by Mr Jim Petrie, a director of safety at the Department of Energy, will start work today to try to ensure that the lessons of the disaster are learnt as quickly as possible. Page 2

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said it was more likely the two areas would have to be separated on the same platform.

"If it requires any change in the configuration of platforms, you can be sure we will do it."

Dr Hammer said design changes would be considered in the emergency back-up systems. "When the first explosion occurred, there was complete darkness and men were groping trying to find exits as everything failed."

An investigation team led by Mr Jim Petrie, a director of safety at the Department of Energy, was set up by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, who said its findings would be made available at a public inquiry to be held in Aberdeen.

Survivors at the city's Royal Infirmary were visited last night by the Prince and Princess of Wales, after earlier visits by the Prime Minister and Dr Hammer.

Dr Hammer also promised compensation of at least £100,000 to the families of company workers killed on the platform. Only 37 of the 228 people on board on Wednesday evening worked for Occidental. The company is holding talks with 25 contractors who employed the remainder.

Although Dr Hammer doubted that claims would be pursued through the United States courts, lawyers in Scotland said yesterday that a multi-million dollar test case for compensation would have to be considered.

The Prime Minister said: "Those people who have suffered have suffered so much that they must not have money worries to add to their problems."

She praised the rescue services. "They have worked together splendidly."

"They rightly feel that the speed with which they worked, the speed with which the doctors and divers worked was the best possible."

Mr Red Adair, aged 73, the veteran Texas oil fighter, visited the still-burning platform yesterday in an attempt to determine how leaking oil and gas could be sealed and how the 36 wells connected to the platform platform could be saved.



Shock and sorrow: Mrs Thatcher after visiting survivors in hospital at Aberdeen yesterday.

## Yard examines 'intimidation' of Brink's-Mat trial jurors

By Michael Horsnell

Scotland Yard's serious crimes squad is investigating suggestions that the Brink's-Mat jury may have been intimidated during the gold bullion laundering trial at the Central Criminal Court.

The trial ended amid signs of distress by a member of the jury on Thursday after it had returned four acquittals and two convictions following a mammoth deliberation. It failed to reach verdicts on two other defendants.

The jury foreman is understood to have declined to deliver the verdicts in protest at events in the jury room. His place was taken by a woman who needed to be prompted as the verdicts were taken in court 12. Later at least one woman was heard sobbing as she returned to the jury room.

The police investigation into the alleged intimidation was disclosed yesterday as the trial judge lifted a Contempt of Court Act order which had stopped the reporting of a verbal attack on defence solicitors by the detective in charge of the investigation into the £26 million robbery.

The order was made during the trial after Det Chief Supt Brian Boyce gave evidence justifying his refusal to give solicitors access to arrested suspects.

Accusations of malpractice by solicitors have led to a dispute between the police and the Law Society.

Last night the appointment was announced of Commander Algernon Hemmingway, of the Yard's crime support branch, as liaison officer between police and solicitors.

The move was welcomed by the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau. It said it wants evidence to deal with any allegations against solicitors.

Police declined to comment on the allegations of jury intimidation, but they believe that money was offered to at least one juror shortly before the end of the three-month trial.

Detectives have completed a preliminary interview of the eight men and three women of the remaining 11 jurors who returned verdicts five days after retiring.

Further inquiries are to be made by senior officers, who mounted round-the-clock protection throughout the trial in case of attempts to noble jurors.

On Thursday Judge Richard Lowry, QC, jailed for 12 years Michael Retton, aged 50, a London solicitor, for helping to launder £7.5 million from the Brink's-Mat robbery into a £18 million property empire.

Kathleen McAvoy, aged 40, whose husband Michael is serving 25 years for his part in the robbery, was given an 18-month suspended sentence for handling proceeds.

Last year Mr John Dellow, the Metropolitan Police's assistant commissioner, issued a warning that professional jury nobblers have been paid millions of pounds by organized gangs in London.

Det Chief Supt Boyce, in charge of the Yard's Brink's-Mat task force, was offered £1 million by Kenneth Noye, aged 40, who is serving 14 years for handling part of the bullion haul in a vain attempt to escape prosecution.

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## 100 walk out in BP protest

By Tim Jones

Thousands of North Sea oil workers were last night asked to take industrial action in support of more than 100 men who yesterday refused to continue working on a £57 million refurbishment of BP's West Sole gas field in protest against safety standards.

As the men were flown by helicopter from the field, which lies about 45 miles from the mouth of the Humber estuary, they presented union officials with a catalogue of complaints relating to what they alleged were "shoddy safety standards" on the three platforms which make up the field.

They said one platform, which lies in about 90 ft of sea which can whip up into huge waves, had no helicopter platform and there was a shortage of life rafts on all three platforms.

The men claimed that access from the living quarters to evacuation positions on one platform was difficult.

Mr Roger Spiller, offshore organizer of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union, yesterday said that until the Piper Alpha disaster, men on the rigs had been reluctant to raise safety matters because they were worried about losing their jobs.

The men on West Sole, who are employed by Press Offshore Services Division, a subsidiary of William Press of Aberdeen, decided to resign after hearing of the tragedy.

William Press refused to comment on the dispute but a spokesman for BP said output from the field would not be affected.

## Hurd attack on drink-related crime

By Robin Oakley and Peter Evans

The Government is planning a concerted drive to reduce drink-related crime. Ministers want to see more urly pubs closed down, more prosecutions of landlords who serve alcohol to those under age and exemplary sentences handed out swiftly for drink-related offences.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, are to meet the Magistrates' Association to emphasize the powers which existing legislation provides to tackle the problem and to encourage them to make greater use of the penalties already available.

Mr Hurd and Mr John Wakeham, who is chairing a Government inter-departmental committee on alcohol-related problems, are also to meet drink industry representatives and representatives of the licensees' trade to seek greater co-operation in enforcing the law. A circular will be sent out to police and magistrates reminding them of the powers they have to tackle drink-related crime.

The Home Secretary also wants to see groups of landlords getting together to enforce their own identity card systems for serving young drinkers.

Magistrates are to be asked why they are making so little use of the power they have under Section 188 of the 1964 Licensing Act to close down pubs on particular occasions if the police say that their remaining open may cause a danger of "riot or tumult".

They will also be reminded that they have power to refuse or to revoke the licence of a pub with a record of disorderliness and to ban people convicted of offences on licensed premises from drinking in particular pubs or areas.

On Monday the inter-departmental committee, chaired by Mr Wakeham, will discuss a Home Office paper setting out the links between drink and disorder and proposing a programme to deal with the problems, including a ban on the sale of alcohol near football grounds.

There is also concern in the Home Office about the "Friday night lager culture" and about instances of riotous behaviour in previously peaceful rural settings.

Mr Wakeham said in an interview with *The Times* yesterday that Government concern about the use of humour and other techniques to circumvent codes on the advertising of alcohol was leading to new codes of practice being agreed with the Advertising Standards Authority and the IBA.

The classic example was Heineken beer, Mr Wakeham said, though there were plenty of others. The advertisement said it refreshed the parts that other beers could not reach. That clearly could not be true.

The IBA acknowledges that two other areas open to ambiguity are the portrayal of masculinity as a means of selling and the use of particular personalities who might appeal to the young.



Mr Wakeham: Encouraging action by local agencies.

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## Weapons for Saudi Arabia

# Britain's biggest arms sale

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

British industry was given a huge boost yesterday when it was announced that an arms deal worth at least £7 billion had been signed with Saudi Arabia, making it the largest export package negotiated by this country.

The "formal understanding" signed between Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, and Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, the Saudi Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, a week ago, could involve the sale of Tornado jet fighters, up to eight mine-hunters, other weapons and the construction of two air bases.

The deal, two years after an earlier record-breaking £5 billion arms package with Saudi Arabia, including the sale of 72 Tornados, will forge even closer links between the two countries. It is expected that other Middle Eastern countries which support Iraq will follow suit with orders for British weapons.

The deal underlines the fact that Britain has now supplanted the United States as Saudi Arabia's main arms supplier.

Although no specific contracts have yet been signed, the purchase of up to 40 more Tornados will guarantee a secure future for thousands of workers at British Aerospace. Vesper Thornycroft, which employs 1,900 people in Southampton, also hopes to sell its new Sandown Class mine-hunter to the Saudis.

The Ministry of Defence said the agreement was a "major achievement of immense benefit for both countries". In London the Saudi Defence Attaché, Brigadier-General Saleh Mohammed Hajaj, said that relations between Britain and Saudi Arabia were "getting stronger and stronger."

The most remarkable aspect of the deal is the decision to ask British industry to build two air bases. Saudi Arabia has apparently decided to build two forward bases to counter the threat of attack from Iran. British Aerospace, aware of the potential of such a huge construction programme, last December bought a Dutch company, Ballast Nedam, because of its experience of handling large building projects in the Middle East.

Yesterday British Aerospace declined to comment. Negotiations on such a huge arms deal are treated with great sensitivity, and the Ministry of Defence and British Aerospace had agreed with the Saudis not to elaborate on the agreement signed on Sunday.

● JERUSALEM: The Israeli Foreign Ministry said last night: "The supply of arms, especially of an attacking nature, to countries that are in a state of war with Israel, is not contributing to the stability in the region."

## Duchess of York in M4 car crash

By a Staff Reporter

The Duchess of York, who is expecting her first baby next month, was able to step unhurt from her Jaguar sports car after being involved in a hit-and-run crash on the M4 in Berkshire yesterday.

She stepped from the car after the crash, looked at the crumpled wing and said to onlookers who asked if she was all right: "Yes, I'm fine, but it was a bit of a prang, wasn't it?"

The Duchess was then taken away in the police car which had been acting as her escort.

The driver of the other car, a Ford Fiesta, drove off but was later stopped and taken to Newbury police station.

Buckingham Palace reported that, at 5 pm, the Duchess, who was being driven by a police officer, was heading towards London on the M4 towards her home, Castlewood House, near Egham, Surrey, when her vehicle was struck on the side.

The Fiesta had crossed over a contraflow section of the motorway.

Thames Valley police described the accident as "damage only".

The Duchess gave up all official engagements last month because she was then seven months pregnant. Normally she drives herself.

Prince Andrew, who is sailing on HMS *Edinburgh* to Australia, is not expected to return to Britain.

The Duchess's stepmother, Mrs Susan Ferguson, said: "We haven't heard anything. We are waiting anxiously for news."

Police said the Fiesta driver was released after a negative breath test.

However, he is likely to be charged with careless driving and failing to stop after an accident.

A police spokesman said: "We would like to make it quite clear no blame whatsoever is being attached to the driver of the Duchess's car."

## Unrepentant Dr Higgs denies obsessive crusade

By Peter Davenport

Dr Marietta Higgs yesterday denied that she had been obsessive in seeking out sexual abuse in children and insisted that she would reach the same clinical verdicts again. She seemed reluctant to accept any personal responsibility for the crisis that unfolded in Cleveland last year, and there was no sign of the apology that many parents have demanded.

She was giving her first public reaction to the findings in the report by Lord Justice Butler-Sloss. Both she and her fellow consultant paediatrician at the Middlesbrough General Hospital, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, were said to be caring and competent doctors but were criticised for "certainty and over-confidence" with which they pursued sexual abuse cases.

During five months last year they diagnosed 121 children as victims of sexual abuse, 98 of whom are now back home after being separated from their parents.

There have been no figures issued on the numbers who were proven to have been abused. The report said that in many cases the result of the diagnosis by Dr Higgs, who said she was still studying its findings in detail, had led to unnecessary distress for the children and their families.

Yesterday Dr Higgs, who is married with five children, was asked if she would have done anything differently. "At the risk of sounding inflexible, I can only say I reached my clinical diagnosis after very careful thought and that I would reach the same clinical diagnosis." Speaking on BBC Radio's *Woman's Hour*, she was twice asked whether she took any personal responsibility for what went wrong. At first she said she played a part in the events, but said that issues raised in the report related to all the professionals involved.

Asked again about her personal responsibility, Dr Higgs replied: "I take responsibility for my clinical diagnosis and for my clinical input to the problem. I think the issue of responsibility for subsequent events rests with a number of agencies."

On the ordeal and stress suffered by families and children once a diagnosis of sexual abuse had been made, she said it was a very distressing time for some of them, but not all.

A number of children and parents were relieved that the problem had been sorted. She said the distress of being sexually abused had been left out of the equation up to now. "I do feel for the families... but I have to emphasize that I am a paediatrician and my responsibility is to the child."

The question of whether any disciplinary action should be taken against Dr Higgs and Dr Wyatt, who have been the subject of writs issued by parents, will be decided in the next three months by their employer, the Northern Regional Health Authority.

The solicitor acting for Dr Wyatt, Mr John Mitchell, said yesterday that his client was still studying the report and was making no comment. He did say, however, that he intended to defend the writs against him.

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# THE PIPER ALPHA DISASTER

## Victims' families may seek damages in American courts

By David Sapsted and Andrew Moger

Lawyers representing the families of the 166 men who died in the Piper Alpha disaster believe higher compensation awards against Occidental worth millions of dollars could be obtained through United States rather than British courts.

Mr Frank Lefevre, a claims solicitor, said a US test case against the platform's operators would have to be considered as one option by families' legal advisers.

Yesterday Dr Armand Hammer, the chairman of Occidental, pledged a personal £1 million to a Piper Alpha disaster appeal and promised his company's compensation deal would be on a "liberal basis".

That probably would be in line with five years' annual salary, worth £100,000 or more in some cases. Families would also benefit from company pension money, Dr Hammer, aged 90, said.

The appeal was launched by Mr Bob Robertson, Lord Provost of Aberdeen in the aftermath of the disaster.

Help would be given to wives and dependants of those who died and to injured survivors.

"The money will go to families to help them until compensation from insurance

claims comes through. We want to be able to get help to them in days rather than weeks", Mr Robertson said.

The fund had been established on a trust rather than a charitable basis, so its administrators would not be bound by legal requirements to demonstrate that claimants were in specific need. He said that was one lesson learnt from the running of disaster funds after the Hungerford shooting, Bradford fire and Herald of Free Enterprise ferry sinking.

"We hope the setting up of the trust will ensure that we are able to make payments almost immediately claims come in", he added.

"One of the other problems had been a practical one in simply identifying the people who are likely to face hardship."

Mr Lefevre said: "Obviously, a successful action in the American courts would result in much larger settlements."

"However, the question of jurisdiction has to be carefully looked at: American courts have proved reluctant in the past to accept jurisdiction and the company would obviously oppose it on commercial grounds."

Such an action could take years, whereas claims in Brit-

ish courts, he felt, would be dealt with speedily, particularly as liability for the tragedy should not be an issue.

Meanwhile The Law Society of Scotland yesterday advised families to beware of opportunist lawyers and claims agents who were professional in obtaining permission for protracted litigation in the United States against the best interests of the relatives.

Mr Kenneth Pritchard, society secretary, said: "We are very concerned about the ambulance-chasers who put people under pressure when they are most vulnerable."

"The message is 'don't sign anything and turn to your own professional advisers first'."

The American-style claims agents have turned up unsolicited at victims' homes after disasters in the past few years. They work on a contingency fee basis which guarantees them a substantial proportion of any payout, a system British lawyers are not permitted to operate.

The society says the victims' best interests will be served by links being set up between individual family lawyers.

A steering committee to pursue claims with the company on behalf of all would then be set up, as happened in the aftermath of the Zeebrugge ferry tragedy, among others.

Mr Roger Pannone, another leading compensation lawyer, also advised against "signing up with American cowboys who ride into town."

Mr Pannone co-ordinated a group of 54 solicitors who won settlement for 130 clients within five months of the British Airways fire at Manchester Airport.

He, too, believes oil platform claimants may be advised to seek damages in the US, where the Occidental company is based and maintains its financial stronghold.

Should American courts deal with the issue, and claimants were successful at a preliminary hearing, the company would be likely to settle out of court immediately.

## 'In my heart of hearts I know nothing survived' Relatives face ordeal at mortuary

By Staff Reporters

Relatives of scores of missing oil rig workers were beginning to accept yesterday that the men were dead.

Miss Betty Boyle, who searched the makeshift mortuary at Aberdeen airport for the body of Mr Billy McGregor, a chief steward, aged 48, said: "There were sheets over all of them and I was so worked up I remember thinking I was in a dream."

"I stopped beside each table and the attendant pulled back the sheet to show their faces one by one. But they were so horribly twisted and charred, I could hardly recognize them as men, let alone my Bill."

"I looked at as many as I could but in the end I broke down and had to be helped out. It was too much."

Miss Boyle, aged 48, said: "The chaplain's room was crammed with the relatives of other oilmen. Many were crying. Every time another helicopter came in, a howl would go up. People were cracking up but there is no shame in that. Who would not crack up if they had lost someone on that rig?"

"There was a list of survivors pinned to the wall. One was called McGregor and we suddenly thought that Billy might be safe after all. But it was another man and our hopes were dashed."

"A hospital administrator kept coming and calling people out to try and identify bodies they had found. In my heart of hearts, I know nothing out there has survived. All there is out there is just bits of wreckage."



Mr Ed Punched with his daughter, Susy, at his home at Falmouth, Cornwall, yesterday.

Other missing workers include Mr Jeffrey Jones, aged 37, of Beddau, Mid Glamorgan, who returned earlier than expected to the platform a few hours before the disaster.

The Rev Alan Swinton, hospital chaplain, said: "Yesterday, I spent the whole day here from 5am talking with relatives who were waiting anxiously for some news. As the day went on, the hope diminished."

"I think they knew before they came that the hope was very poor. They came to be with other families who were involved in this as well... total strangers in the same situation. There was a kind of

bond, like the time of the Blitz.

"The patients have been marvellous. They are just so glad to be alive. Some of them are a bit of a mess, but that will heal. I don't know about the healing of the wounds inside."

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In Aberdeen, relatives of men still unaccounted for have been trickling into town, although most are heading police advice not to travel unless specifically asked to do so to identify bodies in the

makeshift mortuary.

At one house in Aberdeen, the four daughters of Mr Edward Crowden, an electronic technician aboard the platform for 11 years, gathered in a silent vigil for their father.

Two of the daughters and Mr Crowden's former wife, who had travelled from Leeds, were comforted overnight by the Samaritans. Miss Lesley Crowden said: "It is the not knowing that is the worst. You cannot feel anything if you do not know whether he is alive or not. We just feel numb and useless. We realize he is probably not coming back but we would like to know."

Mr Crowden had telephoned one of his daughters about five minutes before the

first blast. He ended the call by saying he was about to check the life boats which, in the end, proved so useless.

The wife of Mr Sandy Bremner, aged 38, a production engineer, said she, her two children aged six and nine, and her parents-in-law were simply sitting by the telephone waiting for news.

It was disclosed yesterday that the entire 18-man catering crew aboard the Piper Alpha had perished a week after taking up new jobs.

Kelvin Catering, a division of Trustee House Forte, won the contract for the platform at the start of this month. A spokesman said several of the catering crew were young men with families. A company fund would be set up

reduced to a fraction of its original size yesterday. Only six vessels and a coastguard helicopter were involved in a systematic search for bodies in 500 square miles of sea surrounding the still-burning platform.

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### I was a human sledge

A diver who escaped from the Piper Alpha was dragged at high speed by a tow-rope at the side of a rescue vessel.

Mr Ed Punched, aged 31, threw himself from the boat, which had pulled him from the sea, when he felt he was about to be overwhelmed by the intense heat.

"There was a big explosion and the heat was so bad that we had to find cover somehow, although we must have been 100 yards away from the fire", he said. "I saw rope hanging over the trawler's side so I grabbed hold and just jumped into the sea. The trawler skipper opened up both engines full to get away and I was towed through the water like a human sledge."

"At times I was being dragged underneath the surface but I just held on until I was pulled on board again."

Mr Punched escaped unhurt by climbing down a rope with 30 others to a ladder where the trawler's dingle was ferrying off survivors. "One inflatable picking up men had its tanks ignited by the heat and exploded into flames, leaving only a melted stretch of rubber on the sea."

Mr Punched, married with a daughter, aged 16 months, said his escape was "a matter of luck".

## Social workers build on legacy of Zeebrugge

Social workers who counselled survivors and bereaved families after the Bradford and Zeebrugge disasters will travel to Aberdeen next week to discuss starting a long-term programme for those affected by the Piper Alpha tragedy.

Grampian social work department, after taking advice from the two English support units, yesterday set up telephone hotlines and social work teams to provide immediate help.

"We are very conscious, however, of the need for long-term support for families and

survivors", Mrs Thora Hutcheon, chairman of Grampian social work committee, said.

Throughout yesterday the two telephone lines, staffed by 10 social workers, received a steady flow of calls from relatives and friends trying to come to terms with the disaster, Mrs Hutcheon said.

Some social workers remained at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary to counsel survivors and families, while others responded to calls or were available to help relatives arriving in the town.

Survivors' tales

"Many guys were lying on the floor just trying to breathe. We had towels and we were dipping them in anything we could to help us breathe."

"My colleague and I managed to get out of the rear door of the galley. We just got out in time, but I don't think the others made it. I would have perished with them if I hadn't got out when I did", Mr Calder, aged 35, of Wellshot Road, Kennoway, Fife, said.

A diver claimed yesterday there were insufficient lifejackets to be divided between escaping rig workers. Mr Christopher Niven, aged 23, said: "In the section where I was there were only about 20 life jackets for 40 men. We gave the older men preference."

"At one point, we brought up a diver friend, Gareth Davies, who was underwater in a diving bell when the blast happened, without him getting the bends."

"The heat was so intense that we had to get into the water. Me and five other men clung on to a ladder but four of them had to give up in the end. They let go and just drifted away."

"I and another bloke managed to cling on for more than half an hour and then a rescue boat turned up but couldn't get to us because of the danger from falling debris."

"We kicked off our boots and managed to swim to the boat. There were bodies in the water with strips of skin coming off them."

Mr Niven was yesterday reunited with his family at Weston under Penyard, near Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester.

## I saw 100 trapped men die

A Piper Alpha survivor told yesterday of how 100 men died screaming for help while trapped in their sleeping quarters, seconds before the platform sank into the burning sea.

After surviving the first of two huge explosions, the workers begged for help on their radios. But by then many knew they were about to die.

Mr Harry Calder, a helicopter landing officer who escaped by jumping into the

sea, said the workers were in the smoke-filled galley when the lights failed.

"Windows and the emergency door were cracking under the intense heat. There must have been at least 100 men in there", Mr Calder said.

"Men were shouting into their radios. 'We need breathing apparatus. What's happening? Is there anybody getting out? We are all going to die.' It was sheer panic."

Dr Armand Hammer, head of Occidental Oil, visiting Mr Erland Grieve, a production worker, at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary yesterday.



## Fears for birds as slick drifts

By Andrew Morgan

Government scientists were monitoring ships from the Occidental company as they attacked an 120 square mile oil slick from the Piper Alpha platform yesterday.

Much of the slick, 20 miles long and six miles wide to the north-east of the platform, was of crude thin oil which is expected to evaporate relatively rapidly.

However, a thicker patch, at the far tip of the slick and believed to have been emitted during the first explosion, was yesterday threatening the grounds of thousands of gull-nests, many of which the feathers moult after breeding, which are at present flightless.

Mr Mark Tashler, marine ecologist with the Nature

Conservancy Council in Aberdeen, said: "We realize, obviously, that this is a major human tragedy and birds are down the league table, but we do have the league table, but we do have the league table based in official advisors based in Aberdeen because the oil industry is here, and has a duty to protect wildlife."

Occidental first tested the crude oil and then used dispersant chemicals in response to a call from the Department of Transport's Marine Pollution Control Unit.

Dr Peter Hinchcliffe, the unit's senior scientific advisor, said he had feared oil pollution would be much worse after hearing initial reports of the Piper explosion.

He added, however: "The crude has proved to have a low

asphaltene content and it will not increase viscosity with time. We estimate that about 100 tons of oil so far has spilled out, which, in strict terms, is not an illegal discharge."

The unit has been in constant touch with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. It decided to recommend the use of dispersants on the slick, which force oil under water towards fish, because it is hoped the water would degrade it.

Dr Hinchcliffe added that at the present rate of movement the slick would reach the Norwegian coastline in two weeks. He believed the crude should have evaporated by then.

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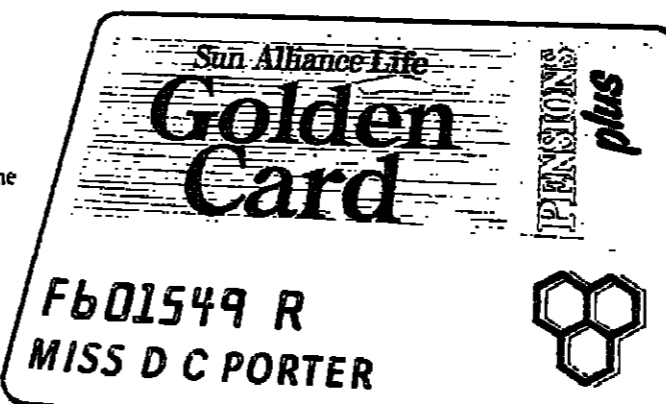
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NEWS ROUNDUP

Post Office takes union to court

The Post Office is seeking a High Court injunction ordering the Union of Communication Workers to withdraw an instruction to members not to attend briefings with supervisors.

The Post Office began the action yesterday after the union sent a circular to its 120,000 postmen, sorters and clerks ordering them to refuse to attend the monthly, half-hour briefings.

Postal workers at Basildon, Essex, were suspended last month after refusing to attend the briefings. The dispute was resolved after intervention by the Industrial Society.

The union said last night some supervisors were using the briefings to usurp its role. The Industrial Society said the dispute was a symptom of wider discontent.

Mr Justice Auld, sitting in chambers, deferred a decision until next Wednesday to allow for more evidence.

Seamen's office sit-in

Six striking P&O seamen - with enough provisions for a month - yesterday broke into their former offices in Dover. "We are here for as long as necessary to get justice", they said.

Pill firm cleared

An open verdict was recorded at an inquest in Walsall, West Midlands, yesterday on Miss Dawn Watson, of Conway Crescent, Walsall, who died of a pulmonary embolism in May, three months after she started taking Femodene, the low-dosage oral contraceptive pill made by Schering AG, the German company.

Jail for deception

El Hadji Falou Diaw, aged 40, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment after being found guilty at Gloucester Crown Court of obtaining £31,500 by deception from Mr Christopher How, a finance consultant, and attempting to obtain another £169,000. Diaw, of Stuart Road, Ham, Surrey, who is French, was cleared after a five-week trial of 19 other charges in connection with an alleged £1.5 million holiday timeshare fraud, said to involve a project at Port Leucate, Perpignan.

Contempt ruling reserved

Judgement was reserved yesterday in the Attorney General's High Court attempt to jail the editors of the Daily Mail and the Liverpool Echo for contempt in revealing that a rapist held under the Mental Health Act was seeking his freedom. Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Henry are to rule on whether the Mental Health Review Tribunal is a court for the purposes of the 1981 Contempt of Court Act.

A High Court action by News Group Newspapers to stop alleged trademark copyright infringement of The Sun logo in a Daily Mirror advertisement under the banner, "No, Prime Minister" was adjourned yesterday.

TUC suspends electricians' union on deadline Rebels plan breakaway group

By Roland Rudd

Rebel left-wing electricians yesterday unveiled their plans to establish a breakaway union affiliated to the TUC after the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union is formally expelled from the Congress in September.

The move came as the EETPU was suspended from the TUC for refusing to scrap two single-union no-strike deals, provoking a bitter dispute between the leaders of the two organizations.

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, said that the leaders of the EETPU were "to blame for the union's suspension for wilfully refusing to accept their obligations".

Mr Eric Hammond, EETPU general secretary, said that he had

received reports from members and shop stewards "of overtures to desert, including bribery which have been strongly resented and rejected".

He added: "The union will note all evidence of pressure or intimidation in formulating a plan for the recruitment and expansion of an independent electricians' union".

Mr John Aitken, leader of the rebel electricians who want to remain in the TUC, yesterday announced a plan to challenge Mr Hammond by setting up a rival union.

The plan, to be put into practice on September 3 when the electricians are expected to be expelled from the TUC, will have three stages.

First, EETPU members will be urged to join TUC affiliated unions

which will establish special sections for the electricians so they can eventually be transferred to a new electrical union.

A federation of electrical and plumbing sections will be set up to formulate policies and draw up a rule book for presentation to members and the Government Certification Officer to register as a trade union.

And, last, the TUC affiliated unions will transfer their members to the new Electrical and Plumbing Industries Union.

Mr Aitken said that he hoped the new union would attract the 36,000 electricians who voted for him against Mr Hammond in the election for EETPU general secretary, but he said it could work with 5,000 members.

The move was attacked by Mr John Grant, EETPU communications officer, who said: "It's easy to see why the long-standing malcontents are regularly rejected by members at the ballot box. They show continued contempt for democracy since it is quite clear they are not prepared to await the outcome of our ballot and accept the members' verdict."

But Mr Aitken, who disclosed that he had been offered London premises for his new union, said he had received messages of support from hundreds of electricians throughout the country.

The move is potentially embarrassing for the TUC as recognition of the union would end its hopes of wooing the EETPU back to the fold.

IRA say sorry for bombing blunder

Mr Gerry Adams stood by the IRA yesterday after its fifth "apology" in recent months for bungled attacks against the security forces in which civilians have died.

The Sinn Fein president said he could not justify any actions in which civilians died, but he was not in the business of condemning the IRA, for that would be dishonouring.

The response from Mr Adams, MP for West Belfast, came after Thursday evening's Provisional IRA bomb blew out a wall of the Falls Road swimming pool in West Belfast, and killed two local residents.

Members of a joint Army-Royal Ulster Constabulary patrol - intended targets of the bomb - escaped unhurt but a linked booby trap left at the scene exploded nearly seven hours later and killed an army bomb disposal officer early yesterday.

Warrant Officer John Howard, aged 29, was the 460th regular soldier to be murdered in Northern Ireland since the emergency began.

It was for the deaths of the two civilians, Mr Eamonn Gilroy, aged 24, of Lady Street, and Miss Elizabeth Hamill, aged 60, of Cloward Rise, that the Provisional IRA apologized and for which Mr Adams expressed his regrets.

"I deeply regret their deaths but I accept everything which happens here as a result of the British presence", Mr Adams said in a BBC interview.

Warrant Officer Howard, the ammunition technical officer killed yesterday, was the twentieth specialist involved in what the Army calls explosive ordnance disposal to die in the terrorist campaign.

His wife lives in married quarters at the Central Ammunition Depot at Kinecton, Warwickshire and he came from Sudbury, Suffolk. He was an experienced officer who was just two weeks into his second tour of duty.

The rate of loss among the disposal men has declined significantly in recent years, a measure, almost certainly, of accumulating experience and greater wariness in dealing with terrorist devices.

Immigrant Act set for August

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Labour yesterday mounted a fresh attack on the Government's Immigration Act as the Home Office announced that the legislation would be implemented on August 1.

Mr Timothy Renton, the Home Office minister responsible, insisted the Act would lead to fairer and firmer immigration control and did not discriminate on grounds of colour or sex.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Home Secretary, said it was "squalid and tawdry".

The Act states that Commonwealth men who have settled here and want to bring in their wives and families must demonstrate they can support and accommodate them and that the marriage was not entered into primarily to by-pass immigration rules. It removes the automatic right of men settled here before 1973 to bring in their families.

The Act also obliges British citizens to establish their claim to entry to the UK before leaving the country in which they had been living.

Mrs Anne Owens, general secretary of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, said yesterday the Act "means that British men have fewer rights than men who are in this country from EEC countries".

St Paul's captures chess crown



Caspar Bates, aged 13, of St Paul's school, west London, considering his next move yesterday (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

By Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

The final match in the British schools' chess tournament, sponsored by The Times yesterday resulted in a triumph for the St Paul's team which scored a

decisive win over Abingdon. The school achieved four outstanding wins on the top boards and, although losing on the bottom two boards, they won the match comfortably 4-2. The other match between Queen Mary's Grammar, Walsall, and Antrim Grammar ended in a

narrow victory for Queen Mary's. The results were: Ali Mortezaei 1, Mark Nightall 0; James Cavendish 1, Nicholas Jakubovics 0; Alex Salikiri 1, Matthew Clark 0; Daniel Aldridge 1, Phillip Saxon 0; Caspar Bates 0, John Cooper 1; Brian Nashoo 0, Tom Price 1.

Kensington by-election

Tenants tell of landlord harassment

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Labour stole the show in the Kensington by-election yesterday by introducing two single female victims of Mr Nicholas Hoogstraten, the landlord who told a television interviewer that tenants were "scumbags".

As Shelagh Stephenson, an actress from Holland Park, and Ms Jacqueline Hope, from Westminster, told the press their tales of harassment, Mrs Ann Holmes, the Labour candidate, claimed the Government's new housing legislation was "a charter for a new generation of Rachmans". It would scrap "even the

present flimsy safeguards over the type of landlords who could let assured tenancies and over the condition of the property", she said.

Mrs Holmes quoted from an internal report put to the Health and Housing committee of Tory-controlled Kensington and Chelsea council which said plans to deregulate the private rented sector were unlikely to increase the amount of accommodation available.

Mr Clive Soley, Labour housing spokesman, said there were 16,000 borough houses with multiple occupancy and an acute shortage of rented accommodation. Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, hit back at the suggestion of Lord

Jenkins of Hillhead, Social and Liberal Democrats leader in the Lords, that the SDP's campaign in Kensington was populist. He insisted law and order was a subject of enormous concern to poorer households.

Mr William Goodhart, SLD candidate, accused Mr Dudley Fishburn (Conservative), of showing contempt for the public by not attending meetings on health and education. Mr Fishburn retorted he had been out canvassing, far more democratic than sitting in a room with 40 Labour activists.

General election 1987: Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (C) 14,318; Ben Bousquet (Lab) 10,371; William Goodhart (SDP) 8,379; P. J. Sheehy (Green) 528; J. Carrick (Humanist) 265; M. Hughes (Lib) 203; Majority 4,247. Electorate 48,212.

University students face disruption

Dismissal brings strike call at Hull

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Academics at Hull University are to be asked to strike at the beginning of the September term in protest against the dismissal of Mr Edgar Page, aged 57, a philosophy lecturer, who refused early retirement.

The Association of University Teachers also decided yesterday to request its 30,000 members not to take jobs at Hull University and to refuse to act as external examiners.

In its efforts to isolate Hull from the rest of the country's universities, all academic events organised by the university will be boycotted by union

members, who will be requested to resign from all committees which have representatives from Hull, graduates will be discouraged from applying for courses, and other universities will be asked not to attend events at Hull.

Grammar schools could not expect automatic approval from the Government, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, yesterday. He told the National Grammar Schools Association conference: "The closure of a grammar school may have to be accepted, particularly where the school has been seriously affected by falling rolls to the point where it can no

longer provide an adequate curriculum without quite disproportionate use of resources".

The first official code of practice for private tutorial colleges has been drawn up in an effort to protect students and parents from being exploited. It is being published to coincide with the peak season for tutorial colleges - the publication of GCSE and GCE exam results in August which is followed by applications to "crammers" who promise good coaching for re-takes.

Education chiefs in Berkshire have thrown out plans for a school for black children who failed in class after it was called racist yesterday.

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PARLIAMENT

Peers agree education reform

HOUSE OF LORDS

Peers completed consideration of the Education Reform Bill, but not before the Government suffered two more minor defeats.

The mammoth Bill, more than 230 clauses and 13 schedules, which has been before the Lords for three months, now goes back to the Commons where some changes made against Government advice are likely to be reversed.

During the final debate, Lady Hooper, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that the Government had made significant concessions. The agreed outcome on religious education and collective worship, which was valuable and workable in schools. The revised arrangements for school admissions were increasingly recognized as a practical, important step in the direction of greater parental choice.

The proposals for financial delegation to schools and colleges would improve accountability and build on the professionalism of senior managers. The grant-maintained



Lord Belfrage: Horrified at the minister's suggestion

schools would introduce an element of diversity that had been missing for too long.

Lord Stewart of Fulham (Lab), a former Secretary of State for Education, said that the Bill had produced some useful results but its whole record was one of ill-will, misunderstanding of the real nature of the problem and of missed opportunity.

There had never been any evidence that education was in a bad way and needed improvement. The Secretary of State for Education and Science (Mr

Kenneth Baker) would have to modify his hostile attitude towards the teaching profession if he was to get the best out of the Bill.

Lord Belfrage (C) said that he had received a letter yesterday from the head of a Scottish university who had said, in effect, that the breach between the Government and the university world could now be healed but only if the Government accepted as final the three amendments made in the House, in particular the one changing the methods by which the new funding council should approach its task.

He had been horrified when Lady Hooper had suggested at an earlier stage that there was some question of asking the Commons to reverse that decision.

Viscount Eccles (C), a former Minister of Education, said that they had been too concerned with detail and had lost sight of the need for major reform. There could be no certain answer as to whether teachers would be able and willing to make the Bill a reality.

Lady Seear, deputy leader of the SLD in the Lords, said that

she found the whole passage of the Bill deeply disappointing. It was far too rigid and gave too much power to the Secretary of State.

It was the teachers and the dons who would save education, but teachers at all levels mistrusted the Bill and the Government.

Lord Peston, for the Opposition, said that there was much in the Bill with which they disagreed profoundly, but there were also areas of agreement. In between was a large area where there had been no meeting of minds.

The House had done its job in exposing the Bill's deficiencies.

Lord Annan (Ind) said that not all academics were opposed to the Bill. It was not something which had emanated from the depths of hell.

Earlier, peers carried by 81 votes to 47 an amendment to provide for a separate sub-committee to advise on the Universities Funding Council functions in relation to Scottish universities. Also carried, by 57 votes to 37, was an amendment requiring local education authorities to make provision for children with special needs.

Information Bills clear final hurdle

A Bill to lift the secrecy surrounding safety inspections of places of potential danger to the public, such as Underground stations, cleared its last parliamentary hurdle on what was, in effect, the last day for private Members' Bills.

Lords amendments to the Environment and Safety Information Bill, sponsored by Mr Christopher Smith (Islington and Finsbury, Lab), were agreed without debate. The Bill will compel all bodies responsible for monitoring safety standards to make public any notices they issue requiring remedial action by companies and other bodies.

A second Bill designed to give better public access to information, the Access to Medical Reports Bill, also heads for the statute book after Lords amendments were agreed at the end of a short debate. Introduced by Mr Archy Kirkwood (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, SLD), it gives individuals access to medical reports about themselves prepared by their general practitioner for insurance companies or employers.

Perhaps the most controversial legislation of this session, the Abortion (Amendment) Bill of Mr David Alton (Liverpool),

Mossley Hill, SLD), was objected to, and, once more, failed to make progress.

Much of the sitting was taken up with discussion of Lords amendments to the Malicious Communications Bill, to deter the sending of poison-pen letters. The Bill, sponsored by Mr Andrew Stewart (Sherwood, C), proposed a maximum fine of £400 for sending or delivering letters or other articles intended to cause distress or anxiety. A Lords amendment to increase this fine to £1,000 was accepted.

MPs accepted Lords amendments to the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill to

make it an offence to advertise animal fights. The Bill, sponsored by Mr John Browne (Winchester, C), increases from £50 to £1,000 the maximum fine for organizing or attending animal fights such as dog fights, cock fights and badger baiting.

Lords amendments to the Protection Against Cruel Tethering Bill, which improves the conditions in which horses, ponies and donkeys are kept, were accepted without debate. The Landlord and Tenant Bill, which has cleared the Lords, and the Solicitors (Scotland) Bill were given unopposed third readings.

Commons to debate wealth gap

NEXT WEEK

Next Thursday's Kensington by-election has dictated Labour's choice of subject for its main Opposition Day debate in the Commons on Tuesday. The Shadow Cabinet has chosen "the growing divide between the rich and poor in London", will aware that nowhere is this divide more starkly evident than in Kensington.

Also on Tuesday, Labour has a debate on "public provision for sport for all", during which the issue of football hooliganism is bound to be raised.

On Monday, the Commons will be asked to approve further contributions to the EEC, a subject that will provoke heated protests from a number of right-wing Conservatives.

On Thursday, the Finance Bill to implement the provisions of the Budget will complete its Commons stages.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, will miss Prime Minister's questions on Tuesday and Thursday. He is on a tour of southern Africa.

In the Lords, the Housing Bill will have its second reading on Monday, there will be a debate on the Defence Estimates White Paper on Tuesday and the Local Government Finance Bill to introduce the poll tax will have its third reading on Wednesday. On Thursday, their Lordships will begin detailed examination of the Health and Medicines Bill, which proposes the abolition of free dental and eye checks.

In the committee corridor, the Commons social services select committee publishes a report on families on low incomes on Tuesday.

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# Mother shot couple dead over sexual abuse of daughter

A mother whose daughter said she had been sexually abused at a private children's home took revenge in a double shotgun killing, a court heard yesterday.

Mrs Deirdre Washington, aged 42, a clay pigeon-shooting expert, walked into the children's home and emptied both barrels of her 12-bore shotgun into the stomach of Victor Copperman, aged 45, the home's owner.

As he crawled away she reloaded and fired another shot into the back of his head, then turned the weapon on Mrs Anthea Trevelyan, aged 38, a teacher, killing her. Copperman died in hospital three weeks later.

Washington denied murdering Copperman and Trevelyan, but her guilty pleas to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility were accepted.

Mr Justice Garland QC, said: "Your responsibility was substantially diminished because you were suffering from a mental illness."

She was ordered to be detained indefinitely at a secure mental hospital.

Mr Tony Hooper, QC, for the prosecution, had told Norwich Crown Court that Washington, a twice-married mother of three, had been told

that Copperman and Trevelyan had sexually abused her daughter, Joanna, at the Four Elms Children's Home in Little Stonham, Suffolk.

Mr Hooper said Joanna - now aged 20 - had been placed in the care of Copperman when she was aged 12.

He ran the home - where children were put in care by local authorities all over eastern England and London - with his wife, Pamela and Trevelyan.

Joanna revealed her sexual experiences at the home, which were later denied by Copperman and Trevelyan, to her grandmother.

Washington learned of her daughter's experiences from the grandmother and, although she had not seen her daughter for a number of years, she finally agreed to go to collect her daughter's belongings from the home.

Mr Hooper said she made an appointment to visit the home on November 26 last year, when she loaded her 12-bore shotgun into her car and drove to the home, where Copperman and Trevelyan met her.

The three drank coffee together before loading Joanna's belongings into the car. Mr Hooper said: "The defendant

went out to her car and came back in with the shotgun. Mr Copperman was shot at close range, in the area of the abdomen. He received a further blast in the back of the head while crawling away."

Mr Hooper said Trevelyan was shot twice in the chest and also suffered injuries to her hand as she tried to protect herself.

Mr Hooper said Washington was a keen clay pigeon shooter and was a qualified referee in the sport. He said Essex police issued her with a shotgun certificate in 1982, unaware of her long history of mental illness, starting when she was sexually abused by her father as a child.

The court heard that Suffolk police launched a murder hunt after Copperman and Trevelyan were found.

Washington was later arrested at home. The court was told she had cleaned the gun and altered the firing pin so it could not be identified. She had also washed blood from her clothes.

Mr Edmund Lawson, QC, for the defence, said: "There can be no doubt that the allegations made by Joanna have substance and there is ample corroboration. It is a horrifying and debauched story."

# Pupils' space rocket blasts off



School children carrying their rocket to the launching pad and (left) the missile in flight.

By Robin Young

Britain re-entered the space race yesterday, when the first scientific rocket for more than a decade was launched on the Ministry of Defence Proof and Experimental Establishment at Shoeburyness, Essex.

Sci-Tech I, a cardboard rocket which cost just £150 to develop and build, reached a height of 500ft in a flight lasting three seconds. The rocket was designed and constructed by schoolchildren aged between 12 and 18 at Acton High School, west London, whose enthusiasm for space research has outstripped that of the Government.

While ministers hung back from participating in the European Space Programme the pupils of Acton High devoted three months of their spare time to the Sci-Tech I project.

The Acton rocket carried a payload of a camera in its nose cone, specially adapted to take infra-red pictures of the ascent and descent. At the peak of its trajectory a timed explosion separated the two sections of the rocket which were then parachuted gently back

to splash down on the wet Thames Estuary sand.

Sci-Tech I did not quite fulfil the children's expectations. They had hoped it might climb to 1,500ft, but one of its three motors, powered by meal powder supplied by a fireworks factory, failed to fire. The rocket shell is, however, reusable. The children promised that they would be back next year with a Mark II rocket, bigger, better and possibly capable of reaching 10,000ft.

Mr Tony Hewitt, deputy headmaster, hoped the experiment would focus attention on the way that Britain neglects technology in the school curriculum.

It had originally been planned to launch the rocket at the Sci-Tech exhibition at Brand's Hatch last month, which was hoped to attract children to scientific careers. The exhibition was cancelled because of apathy among the industrialists whose sponsorship had been sought.

(Photographs: Deniz McNeelance).

## Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator Help for a writer

A retired teacher is to use some of the money that he has won in yesterday's Portfolio competition to satisfy his journalistic aspirations.

Mr John Etherington, aged 69, of Hutton Henry, Hartlepool, Cleveland, was one of three people to share the £4000 prize.

Mr Etherington has had a book published on the history of his home town. "I've had a life-long interest in writing and I think that I might use the money to buy myself a word processor."

Mrs D O'Brien, of Donhead St Mary, Shaftesbury, Dorset, said: "I'm absolutely delighted by this marvellous little windfall. It will certainly help with the overdraft."

The third winner, Mr David Le Breton, a financial consultant, from Brackwood, near Westerham, Kent, said: "I have played Portfolio since it began and I am delighted that my persistence has finally paid off. I will probably share the money with my three children."

## TV inciting sex crimes, women say

Eight out of 10 women think crimes of sexual abuse and rape are encouraged by television, according to a survey of *Woman's Own* readers.

Seventy-six per cent said they were offended by television violence. Nearly half cited scenes of simulated rape and sexual attacks.

Independent television's *The Fear* was regarded as the most violent programme, followed by *Miami Vice*, *The A Team* and *The Equalizer*.

## Air travel delays

# Flow control grounds flights

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Air travel delays were building up last night with airlines reporting delays of at least two hours on many routes.

As countries throughout Europe imposed "flow control" aimed at keeping aircraft on the ground until a safe passage could be found, the Civil Aviation Authority predicted that today and tomorrow delays of two hours would be common with many flights being held back even longer.

Airlines were drafting in extra staff to cope with the problem of aircraft being stranded in the wrong place.

The Greek air traffic controllers issued a warning that they could take industrial action on Monday with the possibility of delays spilling over into next week.

With many schools already broken up, and parents taking children away early, the weekend could prove even more of a problem than last week's when the whole of Europe

virtually seized up. Although additional telex machines have been installed to provide a quicker link between airlines and air traffic controllers, they will still have to rely largely on telephones which last weekend simply became jammed with the number of requests for flight slots.

Meanwhile, France and Italy are ignoring European legislation aimed at liberalizing air transport in the Community and preventing thousands of British passengers from flying more cheaply and conveniently, it was claimed last night.

Now the EEC is considering taking the argument before the European Court in an attempt to break the deadlock.

France has rejected plans for a £119 return business flight to Paris from London City Airport. It is insisting that London City Airways charge instead the full £170 charged by Air France out of

Heathrow. The Italians are refusing to allow Aer Lingus to fly passengers from Manchester to Milan even though both the British and the Irish governments have approved the flights.

The Italians will not grant landing "slots" for the thrice weekly scheduled services if any passengers are booked from Manchester.

Mr Jonathan Wilson, London City Airways general manager, said last night: "It is quite ridiculous. The French are misguidedly trying to protect their national carrier."

Aer Lingus is determined to fight the ban. Under the terms of the Treaty of Rome, Aer Lingus says, it is allowed to fly from Dublin to Milan via Manchester, picking up passengers on the way.

Aer Lingus has taken its case to the European Commission and won approval for its argument, but the Italians claim that Milan cannot handle any more flights.

## Council moves to halt holiday home influx

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

An attempt to stem a tide of wealthy incomers in the most popular areas of Cornwall buying second homes and pushing prices beyond the reach of local people is being made by the county council in a submission to the Department of the Environment.

The council is concerned that properties are being bought up either as second homes or retirement homes, and wants to earmark new houses for local residents.

A similar attempt in the Lake District five years ago was rejected by the Secretary of State. However, Mr Colin Griffin, county planning officer said yesterday that he hoped attitudes were now changing and that the county's

suggestion would receive a more favourable response.

The council wants to restrict the types of housing in some areas, such as bungalows, which attract outsiders for second homes, and concentrate on lower cost, higher density housing, including terraces.

It would involve stipulations to private builders and on the sales, which might be restricted to those qualifying either by being born in the area or by living within a travel to work distance, Mr Griffin said.

"A big weakness in the plan is that after the homes are bought by first time buyers, they can sell on the free market", he added.

## Probation for mother who tried to kill

Marion Fearn, aged 56, who fed her daughter, Yvonne, a potentially lethal mixture of pills, was put on probation for two years yesterday at Liverpool Crown Court. She admitted the attempted murder of her daughter, aged 32, who suffers from acute epilepsy.

The court was told that Mrs Fearn of Market Street, Hoylake, Wirral, was overcome with guilt and took an overdose herself but both women survived. The judge told her yesterday that she had shown "amazing compassion and patience".

## Heysel delay

The October trial of Liverpool football supporters accused of manslaughter over the Heysel Stadium disaster is likely to be delayed because relatives of Italian victims have started proceedings against the Mayor of Brussels.

## Rioter jailed

Robert Collinson, aged 22, of Barking, Essex, was jailed for six months and two weeks by a Düsseldorf court yesterday after denying charges of rioting during the European football championship.

## Marriage over

Sir Donald Gosling, head of National Car Parks, was divorced by his wife Elizabeth yesterday. The London Divorce Court heard that they had not lived together for more than two years.

## Case dropped

South Wales police have dropped charges against John Derek Lowe, of Garswood, Greater Manchester, of helping his mother to imprison Natalie Horrell, aged five months, who vanished from a Cardiff store last May.

## Murder trial

James Lenane, of Brixton, south-west London, and Kenneth Agbergah, of no fixed address, were yesterday committed by Camberwell Green magistrates for trial at the Central Criminal Court, accused of murdering Mr Omer Kortkz, a taxi driver.

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The shooting down of the Iranian Airbus

Technology under the spotlight in analysis of tragedy

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent
Rear Admiral William Fogarty and his team of American technical experts have about 10 days left to produce a clear picture of what went wrong in the minutes that led up to the fatal missile attack by the US cruiser USS Vincennes on the Iran Air A 300B Airbus passenger jet last Sunday.

come under attack by an Iranian jet fighter?
Perhaps the most important aspect, however, is the technical one. If the data was defective, misleading, or muddled, it will undermine the confidence of the American naval force in the Gulf, whose responses depend to a large extent on the effectiveness of high-technology equipment.

There should have been enough data for a proper judgement

The technical questions confronting Admiral Fogarty are these:
What was the altitude, position and heading of the Iranian Airbus?
This should be easiest to answer, but so far it has created more conflicting arguments than almost any other issue.

fring systems in a single battle station.
Aegis apparently revealed to the radar operators in the combat information centre below decks that the aircraft was approaching the ship at 450 knots (about 500mph) at an altitude of 9,000ft and descending to 7,500ft. It was also supposed to be about four miles outside the normal commercial air corridor.

Iranian controllers at Bandar Abbas indicated that the pilot intended to climb to the prescribed cruising altitude of 14,000ft for the 140-mile run to Dubai.
How could a civilian airliner be mistaken for a military jet fighter?
The sophisticated Aegis system relies on four radar antennae, which provide all-round coverage, capable of picking out and tracking 200 targets at a range of 250 miles simultaneously "from wave-top height to the stratosphere".

electronic signals whether it was a military or civilian aircraft.
This is the crucial question which Admiral Fogarty has to resolve. The Pentagon has varied its explanations, but one issue has remained constant. The Airbus appeared to be emitting both civil and military signals.
It is now admitted that it is very unlikely that the coded electronic pulses that led the Vincennes to mistake the airliner for an F14 fighter had been emitted by a different Iranian aircraft in the vicinity.

identifies them as civilian or military on air traffic control frequencies. But only military aircraft transmit coded signals on Mode 2. Both can be picked up through electronic questioning by a ship. The Vincennes, it is said, received conflicting signals. Unless the Iranian airliner was playing a deception game, the fault has to lie in the radar equipment on the cruiser or in the analysis.

Was the Iranian pilot playing a dangerous deception game?

failed to answer any of the direct communications from the Vincennes may well be because he was already talking to Bandar Abbas ground control, and either decided to ignore the persistent American queries - judging that he was not facing any danger of attack - or failed to hear them properly.
Can Captain Rogers' action in ordering the attack be justified?
The captain was clearly so

confused by all the conflicting information that instead of reacting immediately to what the Aegis system pronounced as a hostile aircraft, hesitated for several minutes. The most obvious reason for his hesitation was that the Standard approach aircraft had not switched on its fire control radar to illuminate its target, the normal procedure for any fighter about to fire a missile.
The Aegis computers concluded that the plane was displaying "hostile intent", yet still Captain Rogers waited. He had requested permission to engage the aircraft at 20 nautical miles, but he held back until it was nine miles away before issuing the order to fire two Standard surface-to-air missiles.

Scots nurse tells of bloodbath in battle for Palestinian camp

Beirut (Reuter) - A nurse from Scotland gave a graphic eye-witness description yesterday of months of fighting between rival Palestinian factions for the Bourj el-Barajneh refugee camp south of Beirut.
"It was a calculated bloodbath. They flattened the hospital, the mosque, houses and shelters on residents," Miss Susan Wighton said.
She spoke after fighters loyal to Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, withdrew from the camp, defeated by dissident guerrillas of the Syrian-backed Abu Musa group.

"Abu Musa fighters and Syrian soldiers have been shelling the camp from all directions."
An artillery barrage pounded Bourj el-Barajneh's Halifa hospital, forcing all doctors and nurses to flee. On Monday the hospital collapsed on dead and wounded Arafat fighters. The stench of their bodies trapped under the four-storey building filled the air.
At the camp's cemetery, distraught women wailed and sobbed hysterically, screaming and cursing at Abu Musa



Nurse Wighton: She treated hundreds of the wounded.

fighters who dug mass graves to bury the bodies of their enemies. "My darling son is dead. A precious diamond has fallen from my hand and broken into pieces. May God punish them," shouted one woman, aged about 50.
Most dissident fighters bowed their heads. Some mumbled a few words to justify the killings. Most remained silent as the women abused them.
"Salah, you killed your best friend... you killed my little brother... may God give you the same grief that you have caused us," screamed Leila, aged 20. One woman, sobbing hysterically, flung herself on a grave and refused to move.
"If Israel had killed them, I would have been proud. But my grief is deeper, because they were shot by their Palestinian brothers," Mrs Fatemah Sidani said.
A black-clad woman beat her breast. "Here is my fourth son laid in this graveyard... my whole house has been turned into a cemetery."
Nurse Nadia, tears streaming down her face, said her brother, aged 20, was killed by

a stray round as he rushed to the hospital to visit her during a lull in the shelling.
Bourj el-Barajneh is a featureless hill of rubble, littered with rubbish. Its alleysways lie submerged by debris through which broken sewer and water pipes protrude.
Fighting between rival Palestinians in Bourj el-Barajneh and Chatila camp near by has killed more than 113 people. Thousands of refugees have been forced to flee.
Chatila fell to supporters of Abu Musa on June 27. Some 116 people are left in Chatila and only 1,000 of the original 15,000 inhabitants remain in Bourj el-Barajneh.
For the remaining residents crammed in the maze of hovels, the Abu Musa victory over the fighters loyal to the PLO chairman ended another bitter episode in their precarious existence. Many narrowly escaped the 1982 Israeli invasion and a three-year siege by Shia Muslim militiamen. But for most, the latest battles pitting brother against brother were the bloodiest and most tragic.



A pro-Syrian Palestinian fighter carrying an abandoned kitten as he and colleagues patrolled Bourj el-Barajneh yesterday.

78 die as Indian train is derailed

Delhi (AP) - An express passenger train was derailed yesterday in southern India, plunging six cars into a lake and killing at least 78 people, officials said. Another 200 people were missing. About 500 injured were taken to hospital in Quilon, 10 miles from the crash site in Kerala state.
About 75 people were admitted to the Quilon hospital and 25 others in serious conditions were taken to Kerala's capital, Trivandrum. The rest of the injured were treated and discharged. The 14-carriage Island Express was derailed as it crossed the Perumon bridge over Ashtamudy lake at 1.15 pm. Three passenger carriages sank in water 20 to 30 ft deep and three other carriages were partly submerged.

Afghan bomb kills 31

Moscow (Reuter) - A car bomb exploded in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad yesterday, killing 31 people and seriously injuring 33, Tass reported. The news agency blamed the explosion on "Afghan extremists" fighting the Soviet-backed Government in Kabul.
The bomb went off near a cinema in the city centre, levelling buildings and destroying cars. Most of the dead were children, women and elderly people, Tass said. Jalalabad was hit by the Soviet Union began its troop pull-out on May 15. On Thursday a bomb in a lorry killed one person in Kabul and another died when 12 missiles hit the capital. Kabul Radio accused the rebels on Wednesday of killing 13 people in car-bomb and rocket attacks.

Mexico win claimed

Mexico City - Senator Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party's candidate, told cheering supporters on Thursday that he had won Mexico's presidential election (Alan Robinson writes). Meanwhile, the Federal Electoral Commission, the only legal source for the result, again failed to release any official polling statistics. A government spokesman said that the computer system, which failed mysteriously on election day, was working again and results would probably be available by Sunday. Senator Salinas said that he based his announcement on "information flowing into party headquarters from all over the country".

Britons remanded

Athens - Three Britons were remanded in custody in Rhodes yesterday on charges of handling counterfeit dollar bills (Mario Modiano writes). The three men, all from Essex, face up to 10 years in jail if convicted.
In another case two Britons were jailed for using stolen credit cards and another, arrested at the Greek-Yugoslav border on a charge of attempting to smuggle in nine videos and 12 cassette recorders, was set free this week after paying duty and fines totalling £7,210.
Meanwhile, the death toll from the heatwave that has tormented Greece for five days, rose yesterday to more than 30. They included a British tourist identified as Robert McDonald, aged 52, who died of a heart attack.

Kinnock in Zambia

Lusaka - President Kaunda of Zambia yesterday laid on a colourful and spectacular welcome for Mr Neil Kinnock as he began his tour of the frontline states (Philip Webster writes). The Labour leader was feted in Lusaka as Mrs Thatcher's arch Commonwealth critic underlined the warmth of his relationship with her main opponent.
Mr Kinnock told a cheering crowd, some of whom had waited up to 17 hours for his arrival, that South Africa should be squeezed "until all racism leaves that country". It was clear that the frontline leaders hope that Mr Kinnock's visit, and the publicity it receives in Britain, could act as a spur for a fresh international effort against Pretoria.

Colombia's drug barons soar into list of world's wealthy

From Charles Bremner
New York
Crime does pay. Three of the world's 192 billionaire fortunes belong to cocaine dealers in Colombia's Medellin cartel, according to a list of those estimated by Forbes magazine to be worth 10 or more figures in dollars.
In fact the Ochoa family and Señor Pablo Escobar Gaviria, the reputed cartel chief, are richer than any of the seven British dollar billionaires, according to Forbes's calculations. They hold well over \$4 billion (£2.33 billion) between them.
The third super-rich Colombian,

Señor Gonzalo Rodríguez Gacha, is estimated conservatively to be worth \$1.3 billion. But Forbes says the cartel is suffering from liquidity snags. One billion dollars is frozen in Panamanian accounts, and hundreds of millions in cash are piling high in homes, vaults and safety deposit boxes around the Americas.
The ill-gotten Colombian fortunes pale beside the \$18.9 billion of the richest man in the world, Mr Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, the head of Japan's Seibu railway group and dabbler in hotels and golf resorts. But Mr Tsutsumi's personal wealth apparently declined during the past year - in 1987, Forbes estimated his

wealth at \$20 billion. Just a few hundred million dollars behind Mr Tsutsumi was a Tokyo real estate giant, Mr Takichiro Mori, whose fortune was estimated at \$18 billion.
Japan boasts 34 billionaires, second only to the 68 of the United States on the Forbes table, published for the second year. The richest American remains Mr Sam Walton, the owner of \$6.5 billion worth of Wal-mart chain stores and other property. Among nations, Britain ranks fifth, behind West Germany and Canada. The richest of the seven Britons remains the Duke of Westminster, said to be worth almost \$3 billion, mainly in the form of prime

chunks of London, though his holdings elsewhere are mounting.
The fortunes of Mr David Salomon and the brothers Samuel and Edmund Vesty are thought to be worth a net \$3 billion each.
Near the bottom of the billionaire table came Mr Robert Maxwell, Sir John Moores of Littlewoods and the Swire brothers, whose fortune comes from Far East trading and the airline business. Each is said to be worth just over \$1 billion, about the same as Mr Rupert Murdoch, who is included in the American list. Forbes excluded the Queen, the Sultan of Brunei and other royal families, as well as lavish-living dictators from

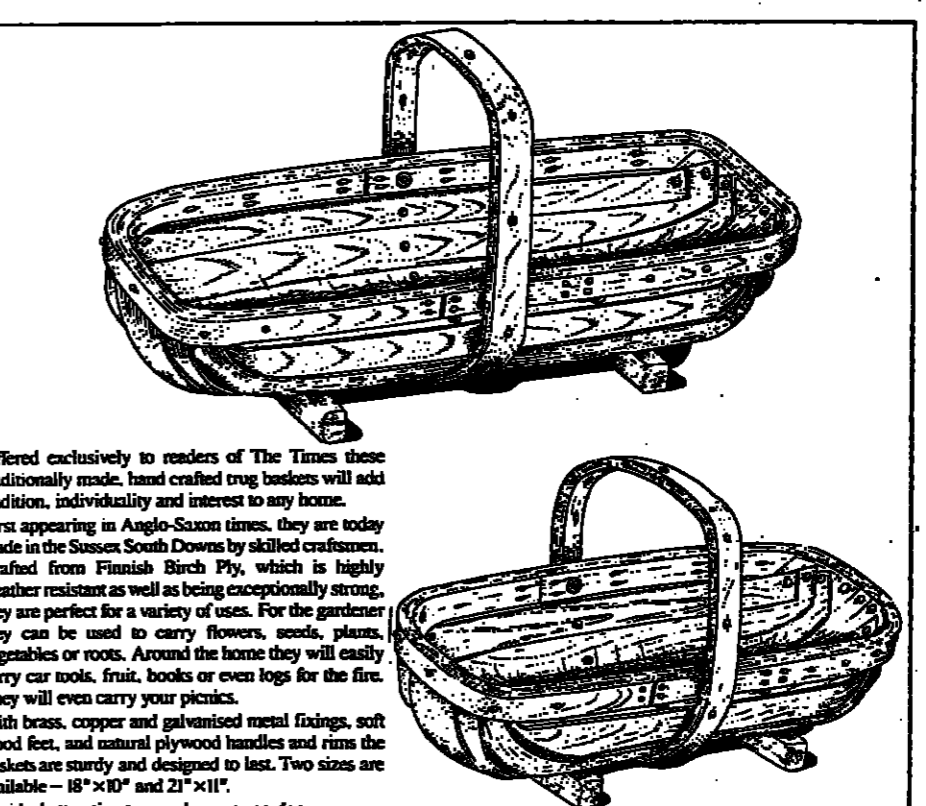
what it called its "unique and continuing panorama of the great economic drama".
"Our survey includes only private fortunes that have been accumulated through economic endeavour... Can Queen Elizabeth sell the crown jewels? One has one's doubts."
A number of men often described as billionaires also failed to make the grade. These included Sir James Goldsmith, the Anglo-French financier, and Signor Carlo de Benedetti, the Italian tycoon.
"Remember, our estimates are not worth; the world is full of people with billions in assets and equal billions in debts," Forbes said.

González boosts centre strength with reshuffle

From Harry Debelins, Madrid
philosopher, a novelist and a close friend of the Prime Minister, but not a member of the Socialist party.
Señor Múgica, who was jailed five times during the Franco regime and left the Communist Party in 1963 to join the Socialists, is a member of the party executive and MP for the Basque province of Guipúzcoa.
The Prime Minister retained 10 of the men who have served in his Cabinet since Spain's first Socialist government was installed six years ago, but switched two of them to new posts. The two are Señor Solana and Señor José Barriounevo, who will move from the hat at the Interior Ministry to the Ministry of Transport, Tourism and Communications.
The two women appointed are Señora Matilde Fernández, who will take over the newly created Ministry of Social Welfare, and Señora Rosa Conde de Espina, who will become chief government spokeswoman with ministerial rank and no other duties.
Señora Conde de Espina, a mother of two and director of the state's Sociological Research Centre, is not a member of the Socialist party. Señora Fernández, a leader of the feminist movement and member of the executive committee of the party, supported the Government from her post as secretary-general of the General Workers' Union, chemical industries and energy branch, when the union's leadership rebelled against the Government for "anti-socialist policies".
The third non-member of the Socialist party, in the new

Cabinet is Señor José Claudio Aranzadi Martínez.
He is president of the state-run industrial cartel INI (National Institute for Industry) and a protégé of the powerful Minister of the Economy and Finance, Señor Carlos Solchaga.
The other new minister is Señor José Luis Corcuera, a lifelong militant in the General Workers' Union who was once the right-hand man of its leader, Señor Nicolás Redondo, but fell out with him over criticism of the Government aired in public.
Señor González' new Cabinet is: Deputy Prime Minister Señor Alfonso Guerra; Foreign Affairs and Social Security Señor Manuel Chaves; Industry and Energy Señor José Claudio Aranzadi; Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Señor Carlos Romero Herrera; Public Administrations Señor Joaquín Almunia; Culture Señor Jorge Semprún; Health and Consumer Affairs Señor Julián García Vargas; Cabinet Secretary and Parliamentary Relations Señor Virgilio Zapatero; Social Welfare Señora Matilde Fernández (newly created ministry); Chief Government Spokeswoman Señora Rosa Conde (newly created ministry).

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# Yerevan strike goes on after Moscow pulls back its troops

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Soviet troops have been withdrawn from Yerevan, the Armenian capital, but sources say that a strike is still going on and similar stoppages are reported elsewhere in the republic.

The troops, who were sent in with tanks and armoured personnel carriers to quell clashes earlier in the week, were pulled out on Thursday. But reports that a 10 pm curfew had been placed on Yerevan were untrue, sources in the city said.

The strike, called on Monday to protest over the disputed Azerbaijani territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, was continuing, although public transport had started running again for the first time in four days.

The leader of the Armenian Orthodox Church, Catholicos Vazgen, has gone on television to appeal to compatriots to show wisdom, prudence and respect for the law.

It was only the second time in the five-month dispute over the status of Nagorno-Karabakh that the Catholicos has been called upon to intervene and shows how seriously authorities are now taking the continuing protests in Armenia.

Most of the republic is reported to have been in the grip of a general strike since the weekend. Most factories are closed, as are all stores except food shops. The strikes are reported to have cost the region more than 40 million roubles (about £40 million) in lost production.

Tension rose on Tuesday when a protester, named as K. Zakarian, was killed during a march on Yerevan airport. He was hit at close range by a plastic bullet fired by a soldier.

His funeral took place Thursday, but according to Soviet newspapers and Armenian sources there were no

incidents. Thirty-six other people were injured on Tuesday, when troops trying to evict demonstrators from the airport were met by a hail of stones and bottles.

A strike at the airport prevented aircraft from landing or taking off for two days. Soviet newspaper reports have spoken of a tense situation in which rumours have been rife.

Thirty-six people have now died as a result of the dispute. The airport violence was the first serious outbreak in the region since 32 people were

— Moscow (Reuter) — A bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled yesterday at a ceremony ending the year-long Festival of India. It was attended by President Gromyko of the Soviet Union and President Venkataraman of India, who said that Gandhi had "preached the gospel of love between man and man".

killed in the Azerbaijani city of Sumgait in February.

Then, Azerbaijanis launched what was officially described as a pogrom against Armenians in the city.

Some of those charged with the killings are now going on trial, but one of new demands made by protesters in Armenia is for the trials to be held at the Supreme Court in Moscow rather than in Azerbaijan.

Many Armenians fear that prevailing anti-Armenian sentiment in Sumgait will mean the accused are treated leniently.

The protesters also demand that the predominantly Armenian Nagorno-Karabakh be transferred from Azerbaijan to Armenia, or at least out of Azerbaijan.

They want the virtual blockade of Nagorno-Karabakh to be ended, full information

about an outbreak of food poisoning in the Armenian town of Masis in which 40 women were taken to hospital, and full information about the issues involved in the dispute.

Because of the blockade, little information is coming out of Nagorno-Karabakh itself, but newspaper reports say the strikes which began in February in the capital, Stepanakert, are continuing and only food shops are open.

No disruption has been reported from the Azerbaijan capital, Baku, which has long been kept under tighter control than cities in Armenia.

A further sign of the top-level concern that the question is now provoking was the publication in *Pravda* yesterday of a long article about the historical roots of ethnic conflict in the Caucasus.

The article said that the Bolsheviks inherited many ethnic disputes from the Russian empire, but that the present problems had been exacerbated by Stalin.

Lenin, it said, had advocated a looser and more federal structure for the USSR, with more autonomy for individual nationalities and equality between minority nationalities and Russians.

Stalin, in contrast, had favoured strong centralism.

While the ethnic composition of the Caucasus was particularly complicated, this repression of nationalist sentiment, the article implied, was a main cause of the present unrest in the region.

The article was in line with remarks by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev at the national Communist Party conference last week and with the final resolution on ethnic relations, which advocated more autonomy for minority nationalities — but no redrawing of borders.

# Ordeal of Turkey's forgotten children

By Michael Dynes

By the time the annual flood of British tourists has made its way to the beaches of Turkey's Aegean resorts, the local police will have rounded up thousands of children who scratch out a miserable existence from the streets, and thrown them into jail.

Once behind bars these urchins, sometimes no more than eight years old, will be sexually abused, brutalized, and kept in the most appalling conditions.

This account of the wretchedness of Turkey's child inmates is not an excerpt from yet another film about life in Turkish jails, but an extract from the prison diaries of a British citizen who survived more than a decade of confinement in four Turkish penal institutions.

In 1975 Daniel de Souza, then a 30-year-old mathematics teacher from London, was given the death sentence after being caught entering Turkey from Syria with a guitar full of cannabis. His sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment, and he was released after 12 years. But Mr de Souza kept a written record of everything he witnessed.

Antakya Prison, August 11, 1975: "This morning they herded in five kids, the youngest about six, the oldest perhaps 15, stripped them naked and bused them down. They must have been crawling with vermin. As far as I can gather they must have been a gang of professional pickpockets."

Istanbul Prison, January 26, 1976: "I suppose I'd better describe the kids. They're in the block opposite this wing and the din they create is the daily background noise. Around 70 of them aged between eight and 18, in for everything from rape, murder and bank robbery to stealing an orange. The conditions in their block are disgusting. A small group of older kids make all the rules and simply terrorize the rest into maintaining the pecking order. Worst of all is their sores. They all seem to have them covering their faces and hands, open and festering."

Istanbul Prison, February 5, 1976: "The kid is only nine years old. The night of his arrival he was raped by all the older boys as part of the traditional jailhouse initiation rite. At one point he was screaming for help but there was nothing we could do."



A handcuffed child being marched off to face the abuse and brutality of a Turkish prison.

Istanbul Prison, January 8, 1977: "In the middle of the night Head Guard Yilmaz woke me up to take care of a

nine-year-old who had been bitten by a rat. Very small and frail ... They should have taken him to a hospital for tetanus and rabies shots, all I had was iodine."

His entries continue until 1987, when he was released. In May last year, Mr de Souza submitted his prison diaries to the Geneva-based organization Defence of Children Inter-

national DCI, after first being refused access, was allowed to send a fact-finding mission in March. Its report, *Children in Turkish Prisons*, which largely confirms Mr de Souza's account, will be published on Monday, the day before President Evren of Turkey is due to arrive in London for talks with Mrs Thatcher.

His visit will coincide with a

press conference at the House of Commons, organized by Mrs Joan Lestor, the Labour MP for Eccles, in an effort to draw attention to the conditions endured by children.

Mr Denis Mougou, an adviser on disturbed and mal-adjusted juvenile delinquents for Hertfordshire education authority, led the DCI delegation to Turkey. He says Mr de Souza's account was verified by local press reports.

Mr Mougou says the DCI delegation was allowed to visit only two prisons and two model reformatories, none of which gave cause for serious alarm. He says that after sentencing juveniles should be in reformatories, but that that does not happen because of the lack of facilities.

Mr de Souza, who now works for the National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad, says estimates vary from 10,000 to 15,000 Turkish children in prison. "Most are teenagers. But some are as young as eight years old."

"When each child is brought in he is raped by all the other children. There is nothing much you can do to stop it. They tried putting guards in the block at night. But that didn't work. It's not as if the authorities are being deliberately savage or sadistic. They want to stop it — but no one knows what to do with these children."

In his report to the DCI, Mr de Souza said: "Because for many years the Turkish penal system has been internationally criticized and misrepresented, as in the film *Midnight Express*, certain officials have become so concerned to improve the public image of Turkey that the continuing plight of the imprisoned children is being concealed."

He and the DCI emphasize that Turkey is comparatively poor, lacking the resources that European countries have at their disposal to deal with juvenile offenders.

"That these things go on is a source of profound anxiety to many people in Turkey," the DCI said. "We are optimistic that with international help things will improve."

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# Top tenor quits the Bolshoi

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

One of the Soviet Union's leading tenors has resigned from the Bolshoi Opera in protest against the company's management methods.

The resignation of Vladimir Atlantov is the latest backstage dispute to affect the Bolshoi which, like many institutions, is making heavy weather of perestroika.

Mr Atlantov's resignation was made known when *Truth*, the trade union newspaper, published a letter from a reader lamenting that her favourite singer would no longer be at the Bolshoi.

The Bolshoi's official reply claimed that the singer had left in pique after being refused

permission to go on tour to Spain. Permission had been refused, it said, because Mr Atlantov was needed for productions in Moscow.

That response reply clearly infuriated Mr Atlantov. In his letter, published yesterday, Mr Atlantov said that his resignation was not simply a matter of his being refused permission to go to Spain.

He said artistes were informed about foreign tours at least a year in advance by the state agency Goskontsert. He had had a year's notice of his tour of Spain, Austria and West Germany and his work at the Bolshoi had been arranged to fit in with this

programme. Then suddenly the Bolshoi management "saw fit" to time the performances of two operas for the weeks he was supposed to be touring.

"The decision was so sudden that the Bolshoi management did not tell Goskontsert they had refused permission for my tour until the day before my planned departure," he wrote.

Obviously, he said, tours should not have to depend on the relationship between an individual manager and the artiste. "Nor should such a disrespectful and shocking attitude towards actors ... have any place at the Bolshoi, or ... any other theatre."

# Belgrade ignores protests with austerity pledge

By Anatol Lieven

The Yugoslav Prime Minister, Mr Branko Mikulic, said yesterday that his Government means to press ahead with its austerity programme despite a wave of strikes and protests in most of the republics.

The unrest culminated in the extraordinary scene of 1,500 striking workers from Croatia breaking through police cordons to storm the Federal Parliament in Belgrade, shouting slogans like "thieves come out". They left only after promises that their grievances would be dealt with.

The workers, mainly from the shoe and leather industry,

have now returned home, but have warned that they will strike again if the economic position of the workers fails to improve. They have called for the whole of the Yugoslav working class to begin united action by holding nationwide protest meetings on July 28.

Inflation has surged forward since the Government abandoned many price restraints as part of an austerity package introduced in May, and is now running at around 175 per cent.

This package was part of the price Yugoslavia had to pay for a new international credit deal on the country's \$21 billion (£12.3 billion) debt.

The Government is also seeking to liberalize the system of state controls of the economy — hampered by the fact that Yugoslavia's five republics and three autonomous regions control, by now to a considerable extent, their own local economies.

In May Mr Mikulic was faced with the threat of a parliamentary vote of no confidence, supported by Croat and Slovene MPs. They criticized the Government's record of economic management and pointed to the suspicions of corruption which have hung over several government members since the revelations regarding the

Agrokomerc financial scandal in Bosnia.

The result of the price thaw is that items like good meat have become available again on the official market, but at prices closer to those of the black market.

As the overall economic position has declined, Slovenia, the most northerly republic, has seen itself as being dragged down by the rest of the country, which Slovenes feel they subsidize economically. The republic has also moved towards something like informal pluralism under the "Alliance of Working People".

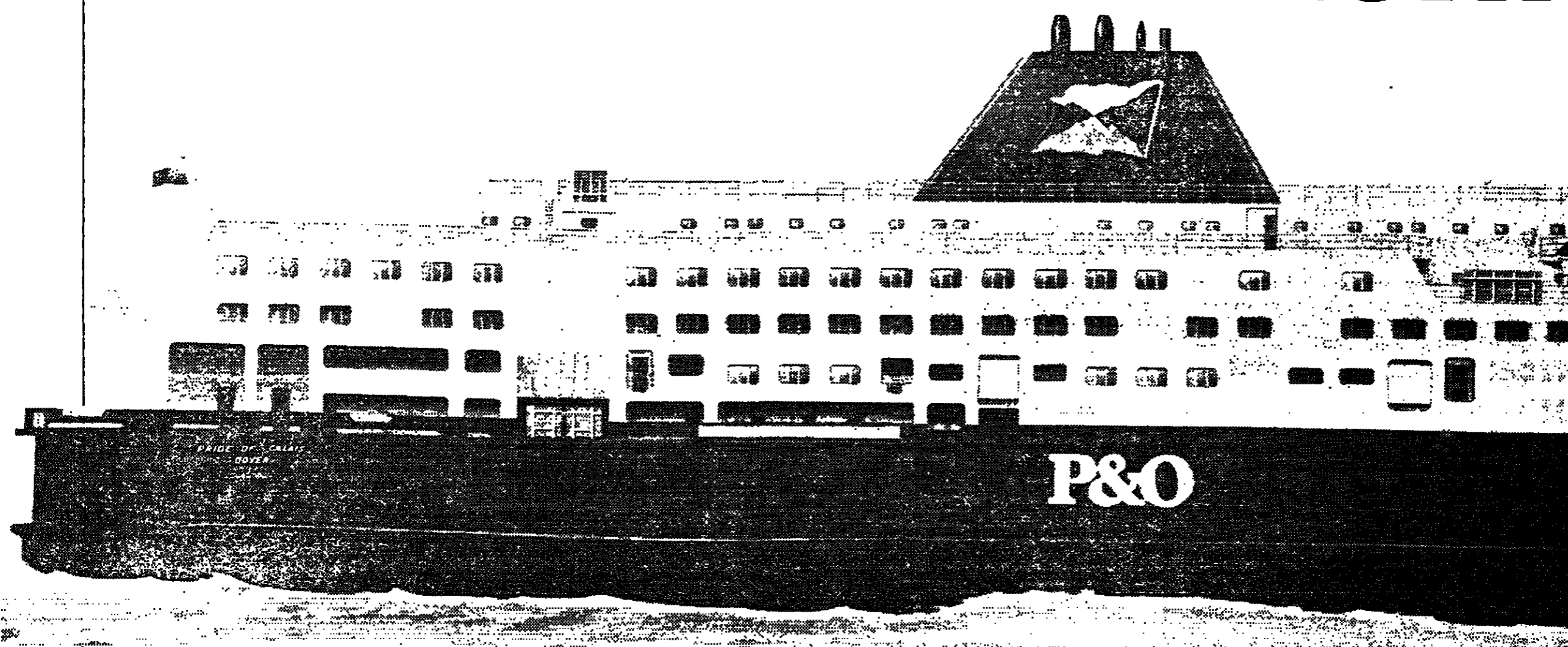
The present crisis in Slo-

vene relations with Belgrade came with the publication in the Slovene youth magazine *Mladina* of what purported to be a secret Army plan for a military crackdown in the republic to bring to an end the "Ljubljana Spring".

The editors, together with an army NCO who allegedly leaked the plan, were immediately arrested by the Army, leading to weeks of public protests in Slovenia and isolated instances of attacks on soldiers.

The Slovene party chief and leading reformer, Mr Milan Kucan, has appealed for calm and respect for the Army as a national institution.

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# Less unwelcome aspects of the blessings of civilization

The remote Himalayan village, when we first reached it after a long, hard climb, looked like Shangri-la, but appearances proved deceptive. The people were happy, after a fashion. They kept to their age-old custom of wife-sharing, worshipped their Hindu gods, grew their own food on the tiny terraced fields above and below the village, fed their cattle with the grass they cut on the steep slopes and with the leaves they plucked from nearby trees.

Yet they were hankering after what they thought of as the blessings of civilization — that is money, in the shape of development grants from the Indian Government. In the end they got it.

There has been some real progress since we first arrived. The bonded labourers, who sometimes spent their whole lives working off the debts they incurred to purchase a wife, or to survive a succession of bad harvests, have been set free by government decree. The bride-price has gone up, but wives are now acquired without payment more often than in the past. Wife-sharing — with one or more wives between several brothers — is slowly going out of fashion.

The development grants have proved to be a bitter disappointment. Much of the government largesse was usually siphoned off by corrupt officials before it reached the village. What was left was often squandered by villagers more accustomed to bartering their produce than to handling money. A pipe has been laid to carry water from a far-off stream, but the supply is often interrupted. Then the women have to go to the well a long way from the village and trudge back carrying the full pots on their heads. When this dries up they have to fetch the water from the even more distant stream. The leaves for the cattle, and the wood — which is the only source of fuel — are now harder to come by: trees are more scarce.

But as we returned, after more than a year away from the village, change was in the air.

The future began to take shape with the arrival of surveyors in the mountains towering above the village. They were mapping the route for an irrigation canal whose water, they said, would triple the crops.

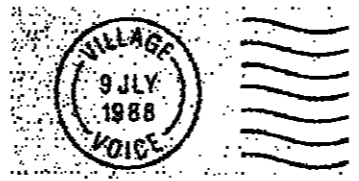
Building contractors descended on the village in swarms, drawn like bees to honey by the smell of huge profits. The villagers, usually wary of strangers, welcomed them

with open arms: they would bring employment, wages to purchase food and pay off debts. The contractor entrusted with the work, a big fat man, seemed struck by the villagers' poverty. Yet he brought labourers from Nepal and paid them 10 rupees a day (under 50p) — half the official minimum wage. When the villagers protested that the work should have gone to them, the contractor bristled. "Why don't you get the contract yourselves?"

"Bloodsucker," Nain Singh the headman lashed out impotently. "He has eaten up half the cement and half the wages as well."

The canal bringing water to the fields carried the seeds of its own destruction: the masonry began to crumble. Villagers frantically plugged the holes with mud and stones. Nain Singh dispatched repair squads to shore up the falling walls.

Only a trickle of water reached the fields. The potato harvest —



the mainstay of the village's fragile economy — was halved. When Nain Singh, after buying potatoes from several villagers, took the load to town, traders offered him less than ever: two rupees and thirty paise (about 10p) a kilo. Nain Singh returned dejected, but found the village optimistic. The contractor had come back with, it was rumoured, a briefcase of crisp new banknotes. "I'll pay more for your potatoes than your headman ever did," he announced. "They say in town that he rakes in three times what he pays you."

Some, distrusting him, stood by Nain Singh, but poorer villagers, unable to resist the lure, sold out

to the contractor. "He is making amends," they defended him, "for the shoddy work on the canal." Others disagreed: "He is trying to grab our main source of income."

Nain Singh, angry and troubled, was observed puffing at his water-pipe much more than usual. His friend Jagatram, outraged at the contractor's effrontery, exploded: "If only we had the money, we could beat that scheming cut-throat at his own game. He'll be bidding soon for the canal repair contract."

Together, Nain Singh and Jagatram decided to gamble. With luck, they might pull it off — or face ruin if they failed. They borrowed money, rashly sold their goats, and applied for the contract. The village shocked, branded them fools. "If they don't land the contract," villagers said, "they'll lose both money and the village's honour. We'll never recover from the blow."

Before long the village was

buzzing with news. The contract had been awarded to Nain Singh and Jagatram — in spite, it was said, of the bribe the contractor had offered to officials.

This time, the employment went to poor villagers. More than two dozen men scurried up and down the rocks repairing the canal — and earned enough, in a fortnight, to feed their families for a month. Nain Singh and Jagatram were everywhere, supervising, joking, inspiring. Soon the canal waters flooded the fields.

When the fat contractor huffed and puffed his way up to the village to collect his belongings, the triumphant partners were ready for him. "It was your idea," they needed him, "that we should apply for the contracts." He left cursing and shaking his fist, vowing to get even.

Nain Singh and Jagatram bid for another contract, floating logs down the river in the valley. Again they won. The work they generated became the village's only dependable source of employment. Then they secured the best contract of all — for a section of the road being built to link their community to the world.

But the villagers were concerned: could the road turn out to

be a double-edged weapon? Might it not also bring in contractors who could outbid the partners and dictate their own terms? As long as the village had remained inaccessible, only the most determined could reach it.

Some contractors had turned back at the river: they had no stomach for attempting the crossing in a swaying wooden crate suspended from a greasy cable stretched over the water. The ride, far above the rushing current, was never free from peril — an effective deterrent for outsiders who came to take advantage of the villagers. Once the road was built, they would have to find other means of warding off strangers. Could the road, the villagers were asking, bring back the days when outside contractors fleeced them?

But the die had been cast: the road-building was about to begin. Despite the long-lasting employment it promised, the village once again faced an uncertain future. Nain Singh and Jagatram had ousted the fat contractor, but would they be able to meet the new challenges?

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Next Saturday: The village joins the world.

## Botha shows his next card in strategy to share power

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Undeterred by widespread black indifference and the opposition of white liberals and conservatives, South Africa's all-white ruling National Party yesterday unveiled the next stage in its programme of piecemeal constitutional reform aimed at "sharing power" with the country's black majority.

A draft bill published yesterday would empower President Botha to create a number of elected regional assemblies and executives for the 11 million of South Africa's 23 million blacks living outside the 10 tribal "homelands", which have their own tribal parliaments and governments.

In South African law, four broad race groups are recognized for the purposes of enforcing apartheid: blacks (73 per cent of the population), whites (15 per cent), Coloureds (or mixed-race, 9 per cent) and Asians of Indian origin (3 per cent).

Introducing the draft legislation, Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said it was being published to give blacks a chance to comment and suggest amendments. After that would it go to parliament, in which only whites, Coloureds and Indians are represented.

This means the earliest that the new regional assemblies might start functioning would be some time next year, as it

will not be possible to complete discussions with blacks before parliament, which adjourned last month and will sit again for about a month from August 22, goes into recess at the end of next January.

Entitled the Extension of Political Participation Bill, the new legislation would empower President Botha to divide the country outside the "homelands" into a number of regions — probably nine, although this is not specified — and then call elections to "legislative councils", one for each region. Only blacks could

## Soweto power cut off as officials act on boycott

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

Parts of Soweto, Johannesburg's sprawling black satellite city of about 2.5 million inhabitants, were in darkness on Thursday as government officials cut off electricity supplies for the second night running in an attempt to break a two-year boycott of rent and service payments.

Mr Rene du Toit, Soweto's chief electrical engineer, said that "unfortunately those who pay their rent, water and electricity bills will suffer as much as those who do not" because authorities did not have the ability to supply electricity only to households

making payments. Many residents use coal for cooking and heating but most houses now have electric lighting. It is estimated that 80 per cent of Soweto residents are not paying their bills and that the town council is about 92 million rand (£24 million) in arrears.

The Sowetan, which circulates widely in the area, yesterday urged readers who were paying their bills and had been deprived of electricity to sue the town council in the Supreme Court. It said lawyers had advised that they would have a good case.

In consultation with the chairman, he would then appoint as many other members of the executive councils "as may be required". The term of office would be five years.

The powers of these black regional bodies would be comparable to those of the administrations of the present white,

Coloured and Indian houses of parliament, which are responsible for social welfare, education, housing, culture, recreation and other "own affairs" of their respective race groups.

The new bodies would thus join the existing, race-based municipal councils, houses of parliament and tribal homelands, as building blocks of a future race federation.

This involves almost total segregation of political and administrative structures at the local and regional level with some kind of multi-racial decision-making "by consensus" at the national level.

What form this national body might take has yet to be spelt out, though President Botha, in a speech to parliament on April 21, suggested the European Parliament as a model. It is possible that the multi-racial advisory council approved by parliament last month is intended as the embryo of this future all-race national "parliament".

The aim of the reforms as they are unfolding appears to be to create a new constitutional and administrative structure that is more multi-racial in its composition, and thus designed to outflank the demand of radical blacks for full majority rule, while at the same time preserving a white power of veto by insisting on "consensus" decision-making at the highest level.

## Battle for lives in rainstorm's wake



Rescuers pulling survivors from the rubble of a department store which collapsed during a rainstorm in Brownsville, Texas, killing at least 11 people and injuring 43 others.

They rescued a woman who had been trapped for 15 hours, and were working yesterday to free four children and a woman found alive in two separate air pockets (AP reports from Brownsville).

Dr José Carrera, of Matamoros, Mexico, identified three of those trapped alive as his wife, Leticia, aged 36, his son, Israel, aged 9, and daughter, Terese, aged 4. Police said last night that it would take several more hours to free those still alive. "A little boy kept crying that he wanted to come out. He was scared and he wanted a little ball, and he wanted some refreshments," a fireman, Mr William Briggs, said. "He was also a

little scared, which is natural, and he's also afraid of dying."

To reach the woman and two children, rescuers dug a makeshift 17 ft tunnel and doctors were able to examine them where they were trapped. Mr Johnny Economedes, head of one rescue team, said: "It's very hard for them. They are in terrible pain, both emotional and physical."

Three hundred bystanders cheered as one woman was carried to safety and taken to a first aid station across the street. She was identified her as Mrs Maria Lire, aged 37, of Yucatan, Mexico, but reports of her condition are confused. The Mayor of Brownsville, Mr Ignacio Garza, said that the people who were still trapped were in a state of panic.

"They have been afraid. We have had some priests in there talking to them," he

said. Hundreds of rescuers were working at the scene, removing debris with tractors, a crane and also by hand, fearful of further injuries to any trapped survivors.

The three-story Amigo Store collapsed during a storm on Thursday in which more than 2 in of rain fell in less than 30 minutes.

A woman sitting in a car in front of the store was among those killed when the roof fell and the walls caved in. Rescuers cut through the wall of building next door to reach some of those trapped.

Some witnesses said that as many as 125 people sought shelter inside the town centre building before it crumbled, but others said that only about 50 had been inside. The store is only a few hundred yards from the international bridge across the Rio Grande.

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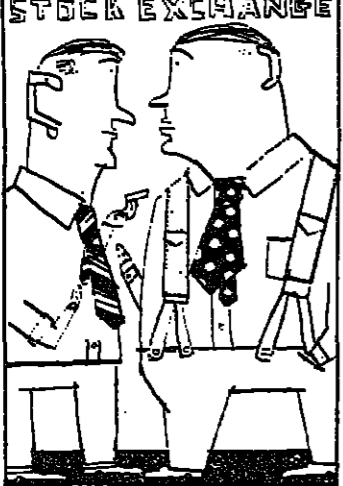
Eddie Edwards, great man and darling of this column though he is, did not you will remember, have it all his own way at the Winter Olympics in Calgary. In the gallant failure stakes he was pursued every inch of the way by the Jamaican bobble team. Few of us will ever forget the Jamaicans' most remarkable descent of the perilous bob-run: the one they made on their heads. Now I hear that the Jamaican government is to issue a set of four stamps to commemorate their achievement. The set comprises two joined pairs, two at 25 cents and two at 55 each.

It is not winning but taking part that matters, of course, and thus the Jamaican achievement is a fine thing to commemorate — how pleasant to recall that the Jamaicans trained on a kind of soap box cart, a method engagingly described by their captain as "just like bob-sledding without the ice". I suggest a similar set honouring great British failures: Eddie, naturally, alongside Bobby Robson, Peter May and that prince of rally-drivers, Mark Thatcher.

Jockey Walter Swinburn is in the middle of one of racing's more unusual rows after winning the German Derby last weekend on a horse called Luigi. He got the ride because Luigi's regular rider was, in that infinitely engaging phrase, jocked off. The poor fellow lost the ride after an episode at the end of a jolly evening in which he allegedly tried to steal a 30lb ham — doubtless he was driven mad by fasting — and brought upon himself a "disrepute" charge. Swinburn was offered the ride and won. But the owner of the second-placed horse then objected to the winner: German rules of racing forbid a change of jockey after the declaration stage, and Swinburn is an infinitely more experienced jockey than the alleged ham-nicker. Certainly in the actual race, it was Swinburn that brought home the bacon.

Bristol rugby club have celebrated their centenary by building a new, 1,200-spectator stand which is setting them back £600,000. What a pity that someone got his measurements so aright that from many of the seats it is impossible to see all the pitch — no laughing matter to those who have paid £500 for a five-year debenture. Solution: to move the pitch, the goalposts, and the floodlights. A spokesman for the builders summed it all up quite superbly: "We are carrying out work at the club's request to the playing area to maximize the enjoyment of the spectators."

### BARRY FANTONI STOCK EXCHANGE



A bullish morning — Brinks-Mat Laundered are up three points

Even now, as I dry out my clothes after a fortnight at Wimbledon, I hear suggestions that will be made to the All England club, suggestions inspired by the revolutionary notion of looking after the spectators. Keeping them informed, and keeping them entertained. The first notion is to implement what is common practice at every other major tennis event: an MC-announcer on all the show courts to introduce the players and their playing records. There is also a suggestion that the presenters should be slicked up; the ceremonies seem to take an age. A further notion, for me the most charming, is to close the day on the show courts not with a doubles quartet of unknown American teenagers but with a taste of the vintage wine of Wimbledon: the over-35 doubles. There is no event so great it cannot be improved.

If Eddie-G. Copleston and Ollie Lodge are free tomorrow, would they please telephone the Test irregulars? We have a tough match, and these two mighty cricketers have become the scourge of the under-11 game. In their recent match for Cranleigh under-11s against Worth Under-11s, Copleston scored 102 and Lodge 103, allowing Cranleigh to declare at the heady score of 230 for 0. Understandably demoralized, Worth replied with 35 all out. If the twin stars of Cranleigh don't mind stepping down a class or two, I am sure we could accommodate them.

Barty Hearn is the manager of Steve Davis and several million other top snooker players, a financial wizard and now a boxing promoter. Is there no end to the man's talents? (Yes, actually, he tends to bowl wild and rapid long-hops down the legside.) But Hearn is still the renaissance man of Romford; he will be making his debut as a television presenter over the summer. After his breezy performance on the mould-breaking sports programme *Running Late* last Tuesday, he has been asked back as a presenter of one of the shows later this summer. Another renaissance man who will take a turn as presenter is the great Eamonn Dunphy, the best writer ever to play for Millwall.

Congratulations to Mike Gatting and his ghost for rushing straight to the top of the sporting pops with their unfortunately titled book, *Leading from the Front*. But Gatting did have the entire weight of the Test and County Cricket Board on his side working for the book's promotion. Since I have a book launched into the world this week, I would like to ask the TCCB to give me similar publicity by banning it at once. My book, admittedly, is about a year in a racing stable, but I am sure the TCCB can stretch a point.

It is understandable that people in the West should take a close interest in events in the Kremlin. Proposed changes in the Soviet Union are closely connected to the fate of humanity. But one cannot assume that the USSR is heading towards a lawful and pluralistic society.

In the West many observers take Gorbachov at face value. Few facts substantiate this view. One only needs to listen to Gorbachov himself at last week's party conference.

"Recently, we have seen attempts to use democratic rights in the pursuit of anti-democratic aims. Some people seem to think that in this manner we can solve all our problems, from opening up our borders to the creation of opposition parties. The Central Committee of the CPSU believes that such abuses of democratization are in total contradiction to the aims of perestroika and go against the interests of the people."

The General Secretary has always expressed this point of view where pluralism, in whatever form, is concerned.

The tercentenary of a Glorious Revolution which sent Catholic James II packing and brought to the throne his Protestant Dutch son-in-law, William of Orange, with his wife Mary (in what Roy Hattersley recently described as the "first equal opportunities monarchy") might once have passed off unchallenged in its status as a constitutional icon. Macaulay's view of 1688 as a milestone in Britain's long and inevitable progress to a parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy was long the conventional wisdom.

No longer however. The anniversary junketings take place at a time when 1688's significance and the way it should be celebrated are subjects for controversy — and not just among historians. In the last few years a tide of revisionism has hit much of the scholarly writing concerned to assess the constitutional impact on Britain in the 18th century and beyond. In the process, interest in the world of Restoration politics has been radically reawakened. It is no longer a simple tale of Charles II's mistresses, James II's follies and the inevitable assertions of parliamentary sovereignty.

Chief among the iconoclasts has been Jonathan Clark of All Souls College, Oxford, whose two books, *English Society 1688-1832* and *Revolution and Rebellion*, have presented a picture of post-1688 England as an *ancien régime* still secure in traditional hierarchical and confessional structures.

Dr Clark's 1688 is unlike the providential constitutional wonder hymned by Lord Hailsham last week when he opened Parliament's contribution to the 1688 celebrations (a major exhibition at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, where Charles I fell on his neck the sharp limitations on the divine right of kings). His leaves England with a monarchy that still matters, a Church of England with all its teeth and a society nowhere near as progressive or bourgeois as many Whig or Marxist historians have traditionally liked to proclaim.

For him, and increasingly for other younger scholars, this is not a nation uniquely equipped by a constitutional landmark to launch out on the road to imperial and industrial greatness, but one where a profoundly conservative society continues to be underpinned by establish-

New York The subject hushes dinner table conversation in Johannesburg. But hardly anyone is aware of it here, although it exposes a fatal weakness in US foreign policy and may even explode during this year's presidential election. The Cubans are on the move in Angola. They have increased their troop strength to 50,000 and have landed new units, reportedly fresh from guarding Havana, in the extreme south where they threaten South Africa's position on the border with Namibia (South-West Africa). The Cuban tank force in Angola now exceeds that of the entire South African army. Cuban aircraft and radar-assisted missile defences now technically outmatch anything South Africa can send against them — the only practical consequence of the international arms embargo. The results are already showing on the battlefield. Last winter, the South Africans declined to press home their attack on the strategic town of Cuito Cuanavale, part of their campaign to protect the anti-communist Unita rebel movement, apparently because of the potential cost of attacking without air cover. Last month, Cuban air strikes killed a number of South African troops guarding the dam at Caluqueo, which controls water flowing into Namibia and which had tacitly been declared inviolate.

Optimists think that the Cubans and their Angolan Marxist clients are acting unilaterally, trying to disrupt or at least

Valery Senderov warns the West against wishful thinking

# Gorbachov's true colours

Up to now the communist dictatorship has done nothing to abandon its monopoly on political, economic, and social power. The party conference did not do this either. The Russian people do not expect miracles from nature, and especially from the nature of communism.

In effect, what was seen at the conference was an alliance between the Gorbachov "liberal wing" of the party and the "conservative wing" generally associated with Yegor Ligachev. The differences between the conservatives and liberals of the Communist *nomenklatura* elite are significantly narrower than is often suggested in the West.

Gorbachov seeks to fortify the system by introducing certain changes — fixed terms for certain

political bosses and by making superficial concessions to Soviet society and the West. They are not changes of a structural or a long-term nature and can easily be overturned. In fact, the conference was like a consultation over the half-dead body of a beloved patient.

The nature of the system in the USSR demands that there will be a specific person who will solve all the country's problems. Many people with valid opinions and solutions are consequently excluded from consultation and discussion. Throughout the country, from the Baltic states to the Urals, thousands of people have been demonstrating in protest against "elections" in which the local party bureaucrats have elected

themselves without any respect for democracy.

The position of the reformers is strong, mainly due to the publicity they have received in the West. The conservatives understand the importance of the West and recognize the need for Western support, particularly economic aid. Thus, conservatives do not see it as their interest to threaten Gorbachov's position at the moment. Their concern is how to ensure that Gorbachov's policies and Western aid are used to strengthen the present Soviet system.

The Gorbachov camp believes that the present form of Soviet dictatorship is not viable. It is the form that they want to change, not the substance. Most conservatives accept this, and

since the main aspect of the reforms solidifies Communist Party control over the state structure they support them.

Boris Yeltsin, the former Moscow party leader, has criticized this Gorbachov reform. He said the plan for party committees and local government councils to be headed by the same person is totally "unacceptable and incomprehensible". Indeed, it contradicts the basic thesis of the reforms, which aim to separate the power of the party from the Soviets. In effect, Gorbachov, by tightening the party's grip on government, is carrying out the wishes of the conservatives.

It is difficult to extract anything from Gorbachov's words which would confirm his reputation as a

reforming General Secretary. Many of his statements are obscure. For example he has called on the party to "unite the largely public ownership with the interests of the individual with his economic attitude to business." What I think he means is that a farmer, for example, must not be the boss on his land. But for the good of the cause he must believe he is the boss. It is surprising that a leader of an atheist party can seriously propose such a possibility.

At the party conference the words *glasnost*, *perestroika* and *democratization* were continually repeated. Outside the hall demonstrations by the "Democratic Union" were violently dispersed and plain-clothes police brutally beat Crimean Tatars. That is how the Soviet state has always dealt with pluralism. The Soviet leopard, at least, does not change his spots.

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### Gordon Marsden

# Tarnished but still a glory

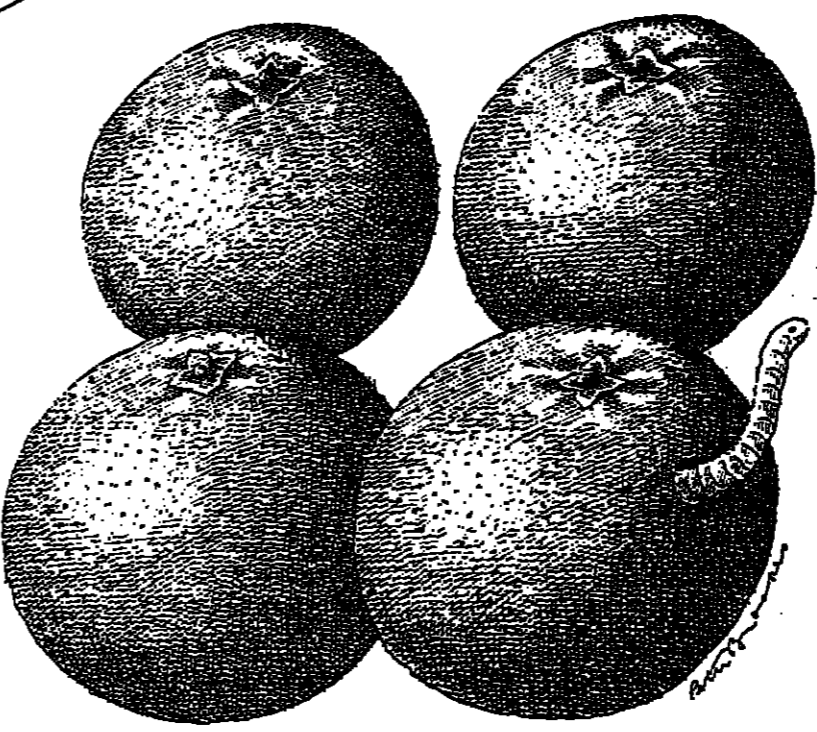


close to an understanding of why, whatever the reality of 1688, its myth has been a powerful and sustaining one for a self image which has been essentially English rather than British (as Nairn acutely notes) in its comfortableness.

Just as the Victorians could look out wistfully on a red-streaked map of an empire on which the sun never set, so they could read (in a period which Nairn invariably reminds us saw the invention of most of our ceremoniously royal traditions) a morality tale of 1688. It starred an impetuous despot and religious fanatic foiled, a framework of constitutional rights and liberties secured, the establishment of toleration and a stable political balance between Crown and Parliament which was the envy of the civilized world.

Even today 1688's mythology of bloodless "muddling through" can be a comforting one in the little, old-so-English touch of the chronology between William's landing at Torbay in November 1688 and his accession, complete with a Bill of Rights, to the throne the following February.

Who but James II would have thought that, merely by dumping the Great Seal in the Thames during his flight from London in December 1688, government would grind to a halt and his



opponents be frustrated? Isn't there an element of the *Carry On* films about the fact that, having been recaptured by Kent fishermen, James was then permitted to escape to France more efficiently by his Dutch son-in-law, who was keen to have an embarrassingly surplus monarch off his hands?

As for the dilemma of the Convention Parliament in early 1689, drawing up a long list of James's misdemeanours yet wishing to avoid awkward echoes of the Civil War by the deposition of an anointed monarch, is not its simple declaration that, since James had left the country the throne was now vacant and could legitimately be offered to William and Mary, a stratagem worthy of Sir Humphrey in *Yes Minister*?

But there is always a worm in the bud, and in this case it is in the orange. This traditional account of compromise and decent vagueness is an English view of the "Glorious Revolution", not a Scottish one and certainly not an Irish. For those two other parts of the British Isles, 1688 unleashed changes that were far more politically profound and whose consequences remain with us today. It is all the more extraordinary therefore that the otherwise admirable 1688 exhibition at the Banqueting House (though it looks at the triumph of the kirk in Scotland and the chain of

privileges and security "in that particular as may preserve them from any disturbance upon the account of their said religion"? All this could surely have been a valuable counter-weight for Anglo-Irish relations in 1988. As it is, the danger is that "Newspeak" will allow others to hijack and distort their anniversary for their own narrower sectarian purposes.

What then are we left with in celebrating 1688? A chance, I hope — despite the above — to integrate the study of 17th and 18th century Scottish and Irish history into that of England — more fully than previously, as Dr Clark and others have declared is their intention.

It is also an occasion to observe generously the important links this country has had with the Netherlands before and after 1688 and to assess their impact on and contribution to our culture, economy and business sense — the latter, as Professor Charles Wilson has emphasized recently, a key contribution to the revolution in government. Inasmuch, that is seen post-1688 with institutions such as the National Debt.

And it may still be widely accepted that it was William III's need to secure this country in the Dutch camp that catapulted Britain back into the lead in European affairs.

But if the revisionists are right about the enduring appeal of Tory Anglicanism before and beyond 1688, it raises a fascinating speculation. If James II's son, the Old Pretender, had been prepared to conform to the Church of England in those critical months of 1714 when Queen Anne lay dying, would we have had a continuing Jacobite but Protestant House of Stuart, absolute on that Anglican bedrock and without the Whig inevitability of that "perfect harmony of our parliamentary system with our Constitutional Monarchy" that Trevelyan penned for George V in his 1935 Silver Jubilee reply to Parliament?

What version of 1688, one wonders, will be served up by the Queen in her response to the Lords and Commons' tercentenary address in Westminster Hall later this month? The author is editor of *History Today*, whose special July issue is devoted to 1688.

### Commentary • PETER BRIMELOW

# A blind eye to Castro

Castro's regime in Cuba — which itself has done everything possible to start fires in America's back yard, from supporting guerrillas in El Salvador to exporting boatloads of criminals to Miami. No great power would normally miss a chance to punish such a moral enemy.

The rational response to the extraordinary Angolan situation is clear: the South Africans, like the Israelis, should immediately be given access to first-class air power. (Unlike the Israelis, the South Africans would pay for it). There could be no objection to this — supersonic jets are not riot-control equipment — except by those who hope for a Soviet-backed conquest of South Africa.

Which is apparently what the Reverend Jesse Jackson is hoping for. Recently this man who has embraced Castro and Arafat refused to meet the Unita leader, Jonas Savimbi, during his visit to Washington, although Unita is widely agreed to be a legitimate Angolan movement, the probable victors of any free election, whose tactical alliance with Pretoria arose only out of dire necessity.

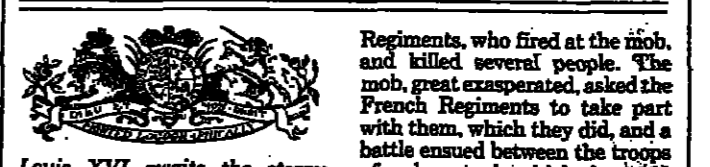
ing US policy into a holy war against South Africa's whites, a symbolic expression of the alienation of American blacks from their own white society.

Massive troop movements are rumoured in Namibia. The South Africans may be thinking of attacking the Cubans under cover of the imminent rainy season, using their very effective domestically-developed G-6 howitzers. They have other options; for example, forcing the Americans to aid them with withholding supplies of chrome, on which South Africa has an effective monopoly. This would require Israeli-type toughness. But it would certainly brighten the presidential election.

Democracies do not have a distinguished record of rational foreign policy. But the US, precisely because its constitution is so democratic, has a particularly spectacular record of being dominated by factions and fanatics.

Its disastrous collision with Imperial Japan, to give a less obvious example, was not just a matter of Pearl Harbour. As is made clear in an excellent new book on Roosevelt's foreign policy, *Wind over Sand* by Frederick Marks, it was largely caused by blind pro-Chinese sentiment whipped up by missionaries — just like church agitation against South Africa today. The moral is grim. Isolationism is not just an American tradition — it may also prove a systemic necessity.

### JULY 9 ON THIS DAY 1789



### FRANCE ON THE BRINK OF REVOLUTION

The messieurs, which his Majesty is now determined to pursue are evident: he is sorry to have given any kind of assurance to the national assembly, who, whatever their fair pretensions may be, have certainly encroached too far on the Royal prerogative, and forced the King to guard himself in his own defence. A civil war in the country appears inevitable, and the question is, which party has the superior force. It depends entirely how far the military will stand by the King.

MARSHALL BROGLIO, who is just appointed commander in chief of all the troops in the island of France, Paris, &c. as well as Colonel of the King's body guards, is a nobleman highly respected by the army. Such a man was therefore the most fit person to act for the King under the present circumstances.

A mob assembled a few days since, complaining of the high price of bread and other provisions. It proceeded to commit many outrages, and assault the houses of some respectable persons. Marshall BROGLIO immediately called in the assistance of the military, and finding the mob would not disperse, ordered two French Regiments to fire. This they refused to do, and the Marshal ordered them back to their barracks. He then called in the assistance of two of the Swiss Regiments, who fired at the mob, and killed several people. The mob great commotion, asked the French Regiments to take part with them, which they did, and a battle ensued between the troops of each party, in which about 100 men of the Swiss Regiments were killed or wounded, and nearly the same number of the other side. The Swiss Guards were, however, at length obliged to give way, and they retreated.

In the national assembly, the debates continue to be carried on with increasing violence, and bid defiance to monarchy. M. DE MIRALEAU is the leader of the few patriotic party. The few following expressions, which he made use of in the assembly of the States General, will tend to show the unlimited freedom of speech which prevails.

"No person on earth, says he, has the right to say in this assembly I WILL, or I ORDER it. The plenitude of legislative power rests here, and it would be fully for any Member, or any individual whatever, to protest against the proceedings of a whole nation."

Weymouth: Tuesday July 7. The weather clearing up yesterday towards noon his Majesty rode to Abbotsbury, about eight miles from hence, on the road to which the inquisitive mind may find much entertainment, in the many curious vestiges of antiquity, which present themselves on every side. In the evening the Royal Family walked a considerable time on the Esplanade.





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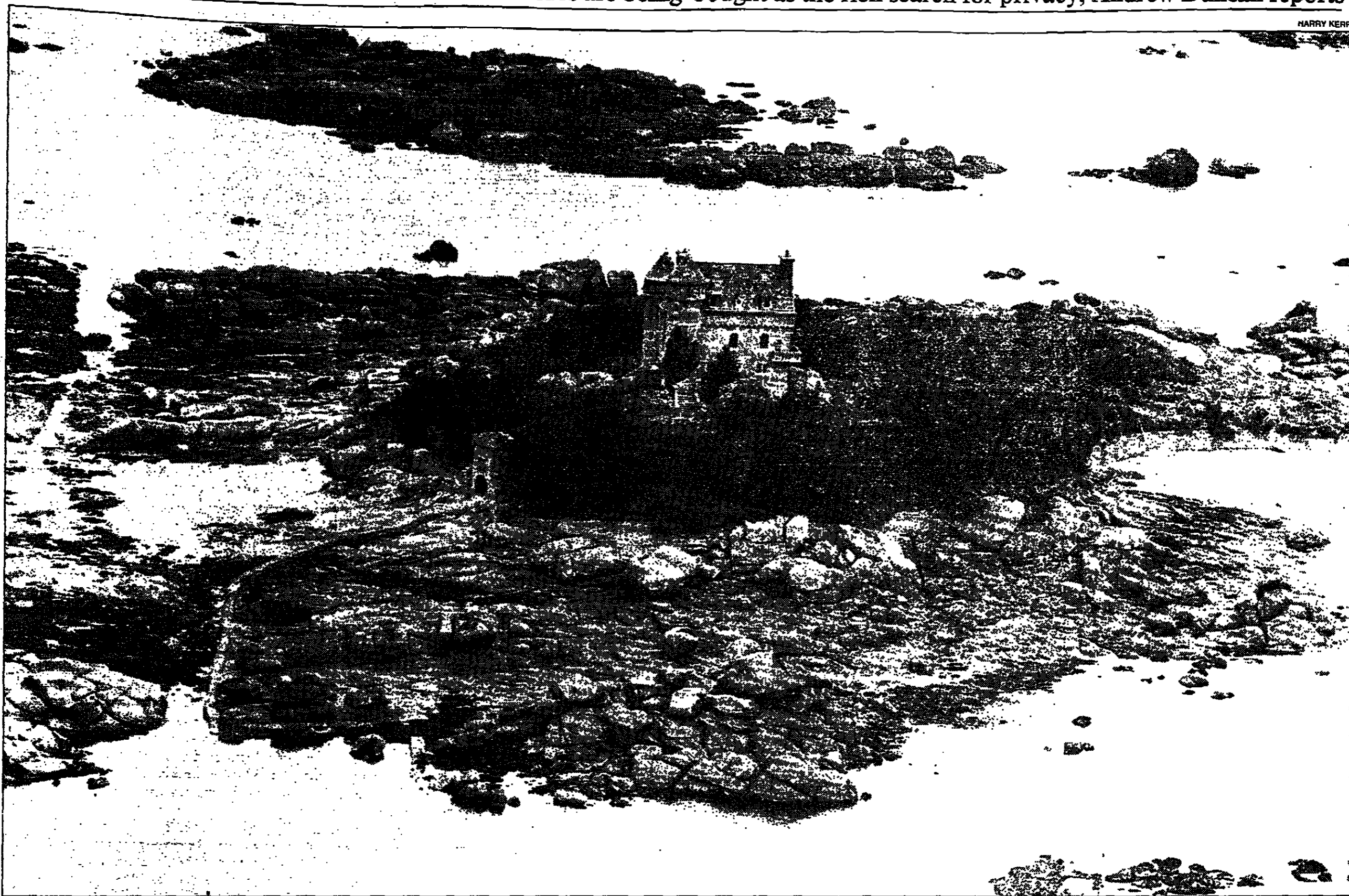
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# SATURDAY

A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

## Remote islands from the Caribbean to the Hebrides are being bought as the rich search for privacy, Andrew Duncan reports



Haven on the rocks: The island of Costa Eres, off Brittany, where the Polish novelist Henryk Sienkiewicz came to write *Quo Vadis?* It is on the market for £700,000 and being rented by a potential buyer, a wealthy German in search of solitude

# At last, a bit of peace and quiet

**M**ost dreams remain far-fetched, but the ownership of a private island, that panacea for the bruised psyche of urban man, is one of those which is slipping slowly into the realm of reality. Anything is available, from 11,000 acres off Panama for \$15 million to an island on a Nova Scotia lake at \$9,500. In between there are palm-fringed volcanic rocks lapped by the softly murmuring Caribbean, a brace of islands in San Francisco Bay, a magical

subtropical retreat off the west coast of Ireland, or a more abrasive sheep farm in a Scottish loch. But hurry, while stocks last. It is no longer, apparently, just a rich man's sport. "For £100,000, the same price as a shabby studio in London, I can get you a beautiful island that you wouldn't believe," says Fahad Vladi, aged 42, who runs a world-wide island brokering company from Hamburg and has sold 300 in the past few years. "Last month we sold Cava, an island in the Orkneys with an old cloister and the remains of a

monastery, for £120,000. What could you get in London for that? "But it's a relatively new market and I'm sure that in five years' time the bargains will have been snapped up. More and more people want privacy, and for the first time in 20 years I've had trouble trying to find an island off Maine for a client. The United States east coast is a hot market. An island that cost \$300,000 three years ago is now \$1 million."

It is the same throughout the world. Last week in Edinburgh, there were 30 tenders for the 350-acre island of Pabay, 360 acres off Skye, which has been run as a sheep farm and has a five-bedroomed house, a four-bedroomed cottage and a ruined chapel. The final price for the island (which was sold jointly with an 80-acre estate on Skye, on offer at an additional £120,000) was "very considerably" more than the expected £150,000, says Andrew Rettie, a director of Savills. Vladi, the son of a German mother and Iranian father, claims that the market is settling back to more realistic levels after being overheated for a while. Apart from the island in Nova Scotia, he has a selection costing between £12,500 and £25,000, although most are from £40,000 to £140,000.

Some are very much more. Last year he sold a 25-acre island of Oahu in Hawaii for \$8.5 million to a Japanese (they are the most voracious island hunters of all, and tend to insist on the secrecy which characterizes many wealthy buyers). "You have to be low key in approaching them," explains Vladi. Usually, they also pay in cash, without benefit of bank loans.

Many of the more spectacular island owners have been well known: Aristotle Onassis and Scorpius, Stavros Niarchos with Spitzopoulos. The Rockefellers own about 20 islands. Bjorn Borg has Kattilo, not far from Stockholm; Marlon Brando's Tularoa is one of French Polynesia's most beautiful atolls; Baron Rothschild owns Bell in the Bahamas; John Wayne used to have Taborcillo, near Panama, which had its own airstrip and orange groves; Charles Heidsieck owns Ile Illiac, one of two islands with castles off the Brittany coast. The other, Costa Eres, is where the Polish Nobel Prize winner Henryk Sienkiewicz wrote *Quo Vadis?* It is on the market for £700,000 and a German is renting it to see if the solitude suits him.

Not all island people are shy. Richard Branson bought the 74-acre, coral-encircled Necker Island in the British Virgin Islands for £200,000 in 1978. A further £2 million was spent blasting away the top of Devil Hill to build a 10-room Balinese style home that sleeps 20. When he is not there, he

rents it out for \$7,500 a day, which includes 12 staff, diving equipment and boats. American businessman Malcolm Forbes bought his 2,000-acre Fijian island, Laucala, for \$1 million in 1972. Like all good businessmen, he has made it pay for itself by charging \$2,000 a day for the whole island or \$1,350 per person per week.

In recent years, the 930 private islands in the Caribbean, ranging from one acre to 400, have become even more popular. Rodney Dillard, manager of Sotheby's International Realty in Palm Beach, Florida, says: "Islands used to be bought by corporations for business entertainment, but today they are more in vogue than ever amongst rich individuals who need a hideaway."

He recently sold Rudder Cut Cay, in the Exumas, 110 miles south of Nassau, for \$1.6 million to a Florida stockbroker. It has 400 acres, 11 beaches, a 15-acre harbour and airstrip.

There are several reasons for the increasing availability and popularity of islands, says Vladi. "There is more money around than three or four years ago. Also we now have an international market because flights between Europe and America are so reasonable. It's cheaper to fly from London to New York than London to Aberdeen. Island owners worry about that sort of thing. "But the main cause of the boom is technology. Communications used to be a problem because people worried about an emergency. A submarine cable for a telephone could cost \$80,000. But now, for \$1,000, you can buy a cellular phone. Fax machines allow you to do business anywhere. Solar energy is available and generators and desalination plants are efficient and cheap."

A desalination plant, not necessary in the United States, Canada or Europe, where most islands have their own fresh water, costs between \$10,000 and \$50,000. A lightweight high-speed generator,

providing enough power for lighting and basic domestic requirements is as little as £1,500. If you need air conditioning or heating, it would cost about £8,000. "Building a house is no longer a problem, either. There are suitcases full of pre-fabricated designs, and a construction company can put up your house within a month."

This sort of talk is anathema to Keith Schellenberg, aged 58, a former captain of both the British bobsleigh team and Yorkshire rugby club, who owns the Inner Hebrides island of Eigg. Five miles by three, it was run down when he bought it in 1974 for £265,000, and he has fought bureaucracy, the government-owned ferry company ("They waste huge amounts of tax on a service one can't use") and spent a lot of money to preserve the pre-war tranquillity.

"I hate modern things," he says. "Fax machines and helicopters have no use on Eigg. I drive a 1920 estate car and am proud that we hardly have electric lights. They might work in four rooms, but we use oil lamps for the rest."

"I look on it as a hill farm 30 miles into the Atlantic. I love the sea, and all the terrible problems of getting 1,000 sheep and cattle on and off every year. About 70 people live there, and there's a crofting element independent of my estate. "The lovely thing about Eigg is that you feel more at one with the wildlife than anywhere else because you're not attached to the mainland, with the late 20th century rushing around and people destroying things. We have two pairs of golden eagles, and chaffinches nest in the house. If generations of birds are brought up where they're not hurt by man, they're not afraid and don't regard you as any different from a cow. If the island went up for sale you'd get some wealthy individual wanting to use it as a play thing. The reason many people come to Scotland is to take pot shots at animals. Far better to have a slightly corrupt Hebridean feel about Eigg than pump money in to make it smart, *chichi* and Peter Jones-ish."

That may be the fate of Garinish (pronounced Garinish) a few hundred yards off the coast of County Kerry. The island is for sale because of a feud between two brothers who own it, Cavan and Shamus Browne. Says 42-year-old stockbroker Cavan: "It's a boring family disagreement. Something has gone on which doesn't amuse me in the least. I'm so sad to have to sell because we'll never replace it. If you got rid of a Georgian house in Wiltshire, which you might dearly love, you could probably find a similar one 10 years later. But not with an island like this."

His father bought it 25 years ago for £40,000 at an auction in Dublin where Colin Tennant, who owns Mustique, was the underbidder. "I don't know what it's worth now. Islands are rare and you can't compare it to one off the west coast of Scotland where you have 15 sheep and five old croft houses. In certain respects it's subtropical, with a quite magical garden. Friends say it's worth more than £1 million but, being realistic, I hope for in excess of £750,000."

"We spent our childhood there. It has everything - sailing, catch-

ing lobsters, walking. You get some wonderful wild seas. But otherwise it is remarkably silent and at night it's very still. It takes a couple of days to get used to that because we live in such a crazy urban environment where we're acclimatized to noise. "I know this sounds soppy, but walking round that island in the moonlight, or when the sea is really rough, is magical. I'm so sad to get rid of it. But that's life. The island is bigger than me or anyone. It's enchanted." And it doesn't, yet, have a helicopter landing pad.

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TRAVEL 2

# Mixed Dutch treats

Fleeing the hotel piano player and braving the roaring traffic into Amsterdam, Travel Editor Shona Crawford Poole found solace in a picture

For a traveller of some experience, I had arranged the logistics of this trip to Holland rather badly. The Kurhaus Hotel at Scheveningen, the frivolous seaside face of the sober Hague, had sounded a swanky place to stay. Here the protagonists in a recent European summit had been billeted in restored Edwardian splendour, only half an hour by motorway from Amsterdam. So much for the theory.

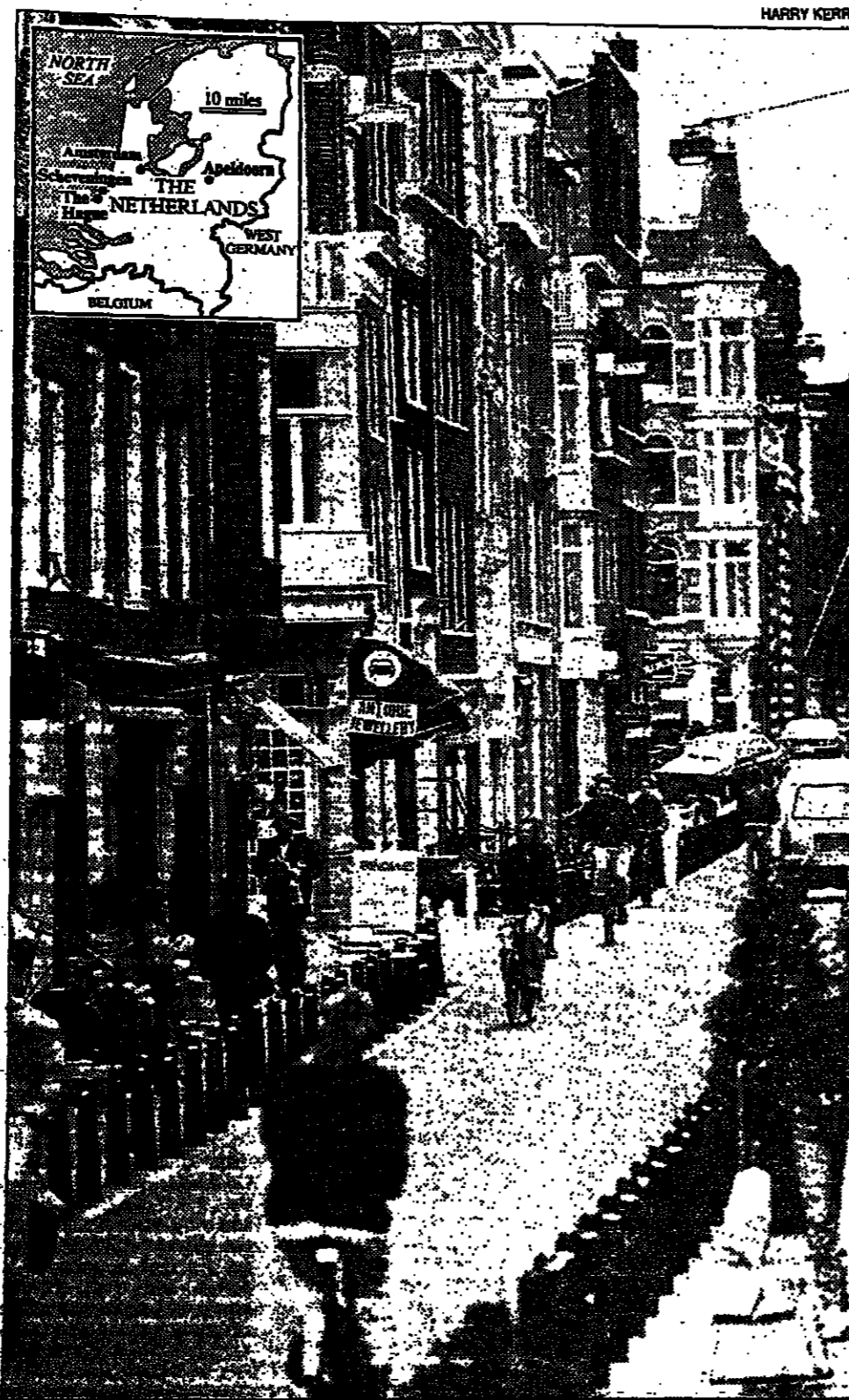
In the Kurhaus I felt I had nowhere to go. Its main public room is galleried, grand, and airy. The bar, cafe and lounge are set out in it on marble with lashings of space to spare. A piano player fills the void with medleys 100 loud to ignore and too poorly played to enjoy. This entertainment provides the added distraction of songs so abbreviated that you have barely dredged the words of a chorus to fit the first tune when the pianist is on the fourth. Far from inducing a feeling of ease, all I could think of was escape.

In contrast to all this former spa magnificence, the bedrooms are modern and minimal. Mine was an uncomfortable shade of orange, but I am told that the suites are nice.

Perhaps inappropriately for someone in my line of business, my mind slips into neutral when the talk turns to contra-flows, back doubles and tailback forecasts. However, I had heard that Amsterdam has parking problems. Of course it should have been possible to deduce from this the likely density of commuter traffic in Holland's thickly populated north, but I didn't. Add changeable weather and fast lane changes conducted at heel-snapping distance, and there was at least one cause for a moment's gratitude. Thank goodness these knuckles were clenched white on the wheel of a utility Ford, and not on the real leather of the grand tourer I had half a mind to hire.

An exotic car might have been more comfortable for the hour or more that the 30-minute Hague/Amsterdam shuttle actually took every time, but then maybe those dull drives were a neutral background against which the trip's high spots shone all the more brilliantly.

Just when the hassle of travelling was beginning to cost more in wear and tear to the frame than it was returning in succour to the mind or spirit, something marvellous happened, as it reliably does, to make it all worthwhile. I would like to be able to explain why a small painting of a bird on a box is one of the most pleasing pictures I have seen. Scholars have offered various explanations for The Goldfinch, painted by Carel Fabritius in 1654, but none is any more satisfying than the words of Hans R. Hoetnik, director of the Mauritshuis Museum in the Hague, in which it hangs: "The simplicity, deft execution, and command of perspective of this little picture make it one of the most attractive of all Dutch 17th-century paintings." I wondered if I should have been more moved by a grand design like one of the crowd Rembrandts, or the Rijksmuseum's astonishingly serene interior of the Church of St Oduphus at Assendelft painted in the 17th century by Pieter Saenredam.



Town and country: Neuwe Spiegel Strasse's antique shops and (below) the Het Loo gardens



Another day I asked Dr Simon Levie, director of the cavernous Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, which of the paintings in his care he cared for most. He replied that, with regret, he felt unable to tell me. It was a matter of security. Drawing attention to a particular painting could, today, put it in special peril. Hoping to light on a more comfortable topic, and still intrigued by The Goldfinch, I asked Dr Levie in which gallery I would find the Rijksmuseum's Fabritius portrait of his friend Abraham de Potter on whose name, for

expanses of polished wood that played back our footsteps. The director hurried here and telephoned there till I half expected him to pull out a pocket watch. We hunted the masterpiece in open galleries and behind decorators' dustsheets, then ran it to ground in a room I could have sworn we had been through before.

I don't remember a few days in which I have enjoyed so many glorious paintings. Mind you, knowing when to give in gracefully to your feet is one of the surest aids to pleasure, and Amsterdam has a better selection of civilized watering places than most cities. The things the Dutch order well are their bare and brown cafes, where the animation is human, not electronic. There is good beer, decent wine to be bought by the glass, and *uitsmyter*, megasacks of fried eggs on ham with melted cheese, to fuel further footwork on the antiquities for sale in *Neuwe Spiegel Strasse*; or soaking up the afternoon sun beside a canal and noticing that the old houses with their many-paned windows are doing the same. There is more glass than brick on those facades — making the most of northern light.

The gloom of daily life before *tungsten*, neon, halogen and strobe brightened the world takes a bit of effort to imagine. Even royal palaces, lit like Het Loo near Apeldoorn by thousands of candles reflected in twinkling crystal, glow at something nearer bistro level than the light levels we are accustomed to today.

Het Loo's candles are an ingenious modern fake, installed during the seven-year restoration of the buildings and gardens. The ladies in the gift shop have been asked about them so often that they keep the name and address of the Parisian supplier in the till.

Built by William of Orange before his marriage to Princess Mary Stuart, Het Loo was in continuous royal occupation until 1975, when Princess Margriet moved out to a new house in the park. The exterior has been restored to its original, smart brick and stone, and inside, individual rooms are decorated as they were for their most prominent royal occupants. Flame damask and royal blue silk, the colours of the house of Orange Nassau, decorate King Billy's bedroom. A portrait of Paul Kruger, with missing thumb, painted when he was President of South Africa, hangs where it did in Queen Wilhelmina's workroom.

Although the story of the restoration makes an intriguing tale of detection and discovery, the excavation and replanting of the formal 17th-century garden is an even more striking piece of work. Mary, who did not live to see this tapestry of box and bay, topiary and statuary completed, laid the first stone and was reported to be "not displeased with the sight of it".

So many gardeners are seeing these regiments and twirls of miniature box hedging in this 300th anniversary year of the accession of William and Mary that a revival of the fashion has already started. So if you are wondering what it takes to make the hedging in the picture, the answer is 1½ million plants and seven years.

TRAVEL NOTES

The Netherlands Board of Tourism, 25-28 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 8LD (01-630 0451) answers its telephone promptly and offers numerous useful pamphlets. I flew with Transavia (0293 38181) from Gatwick to Schiphol (business class return, £180). The cheapest current fare is £72 return. The Hotel Kurhaus (010 31 70 52 00 52) overlooks the beach at Scheveningen. A double seaside room with breakfast costs £107 a night for two. A local car hire firm, Van Wijk, charges £14 a day plus 15p a kilometre for a group A car.

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OUT AND ABOUT



Gothic meets English Baroque: Forde Abbey's long, low building, unified by battlements

## Ancient Forde in a happy collision

Nigel Andrew explores an abbey with gloriously varied architecture

Perhaps it was the Borodin String Quartet's fault — or Richard Branson's — or the BBC's. Somehow, between them, they had got Forde Abbey on to the lunchtime news on the day I visited. And that, combined with a sunny afternoon and the arrival of several coach parties, meant the place was chock-a-block.

The string quartet, fresh from Moscow, had been making a recording for Virgin Classics. In the Great Hall the mikes were still in place and wires trailed across the floor. Recording sessions are one of the dodges which help Mark Roper, the owner, keep Forde Abbey afloat. Another useful money-spinner is the pick-your-own fruit farm, which covers some 60 acres.

It used to be monastic land, all this — splendid gardens now, with open fields beyond, and the remains of 18th-century landscaping. Forde Abbey began life in 1140 as a Cistercian foundation, and from some angles it still has the austere simplicity of a monastery. But the South entrance front tells a very different and quite fascinating story.

Architecturally, everything important happened to Forde in the 16th and 17th centuries, and that was that — no classical remodelling, no Victorian prettifying. Here, in a unique combination, the final sophistication of the Gothic comes head to head with the robust vigour of provincial English Baroque. And the amazing thing is that it works. Everything is in that marvellously warm, honey-coloured Ham Hill stone, mottled with centuries of lichens and growing ever more beautiful. The long, low building is one range of battlements (a late addition). Off-centre rises the most exquisite feature of the whole

woven from Raphael's Sistine Chapel cartoons. Their colours are still astonishingly fresh, even though they were installed some time after Pridaux's remodelling; in fact the elaborate borders were woven on to them to bring them up to size.

There is more fun to be had with fancy ceilings in this part of the house — one of them even includes what looks like a bad caricature of Mrs Thatcher — and a screen made up in the last century from bits of old Breton beds. This is in the Upper Refectory, now a library, but still sporting its 15th-century timber roof.

Other parts of the house are bare and monastic, but the strongest impression is of a mellow richness, a happy blending of styles into one highly individual whole. The cloister, for example — a fine piece of work left unfinished by Abbot Chard — is now glazed in as a conservatory, having finally been given its Gothic vault in the 18th century.

The chapel displays the richest mix of all, with its 12th-century vaulting, Chard-period window, Pridaux-period screen, and 18th-century pulpit.

Even the gardens are similarly various, with their medieval fishponds, huge Victorian conifers, and intimate dells and rock gardens. It is all quite informal, a great place for wandering idly and enjoying some glorious views of the abbey, basking in its fortunate history and, with any luck, aglow in the afternoon sun.

Forde Abbey, near Chard, Somerset, is open on Wednesdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, 2-5.30pm, till mid-October. Admission £2.50. Gardens only, open daily, 10.30am-4.30pm. admission £1.50, children free (0480 21206)

OUTINGS

**VILLAGES ON VIEW:** Three largely undisturbed villages in the South Wiltshire countryside open their houses, gardens and churches to the public this weekend. Tractor rides, sheep shearing, floral displays, teas. Abingdon, Ebbesbourne Wake, Fifehead Bavant, Chalke Valley, Wiltshire. Today, tomorrow 2-6pm. Rover tickets to all events £5 — proceeds to church repairs.

**TRADITIONAL BOAT RALLY:** Wide variety of craft and an illuminated boat procession tonight, 10pm, followed by a fireworks display over the river at 11.30pm. **Fawley Meadow, Henley-on-Thames, today 10am-5pm, tomorrow 10am-3pm. Adult £3, child £1.50.**

**FARNHAM PAGEANT 1988:** First day of an eight-day pageant. Town decorated with flags, bunting, flowers; pageant performed by over 200 townspeople in the grounds of the 12th-century Norman castle. Farnham, Surrey. Today until July 16. Pageant performances at Farnham Castle. Mon to Sat 8pm plus Sat, Sun 3pm. (Box offices 0252 715094/715301/726234). Matinee adult £5 child £3.50, evenings Mon-Thur £6, Fri-Sat £7.

**A PEEP BEHIND THE SCENES:** Open day at the Midlands Arts Centre including art and design, music, dance, pottery, jazz and steel bands, and barbecue organized in association with Birmingham's jazz festival. Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham (021 440 4221). Today 10.30am-7pm. Free.

**WANDSWORTH WEEKEND:** Many displays including motorcycle and gymnastic, dragon dancers and Chinese drummers, Band of the Royal Marines and others, sheep dog trials, circus, zoo, fair and refreshments. King George's Park, Garratt Lane, London SW18. Today, tomorrow, noon-7pm, free. **Judy Froshang**

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THE TIMES COOK

DRINK

You don't have to be holidaying in a gite to cook real French dishes, says Frances Bissell - but it helps

Food thoughts from abroad

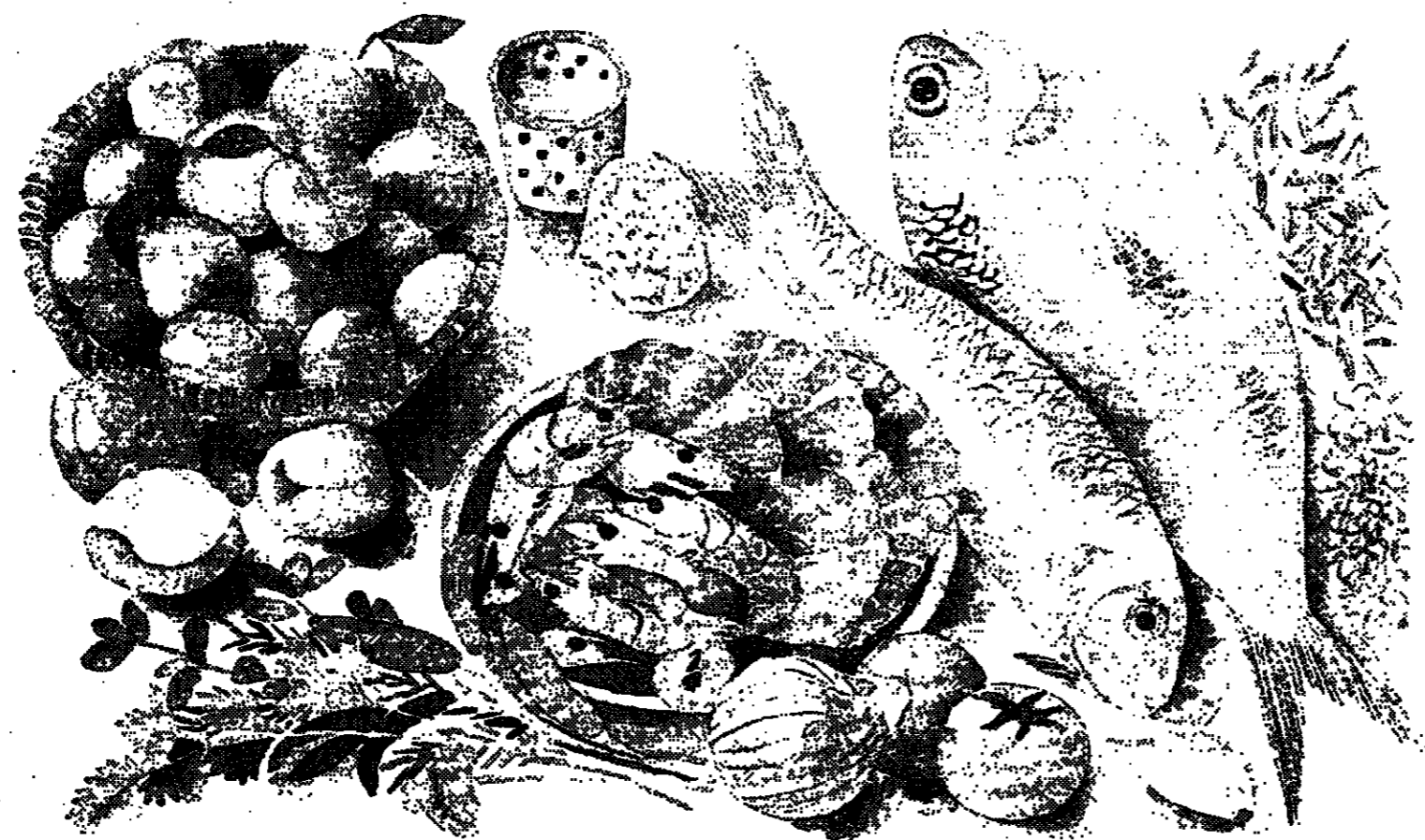
Find cookery books are excellent guide books. Not only do they help the holiday cook, but they are invaluable for finding your way around a menu and for shopping expeditions to the local market.

Of course, if you find cooking a tiresome chore at home, then nothing I say will convince you to explore the pleasure of spending Saturday morning in a bustling market square.

Travellers in France are well supplied with books about its food. Waverley Root's 'The Food of France' and two books by M.F.K. Fisher, 'Map of Another Town' and 'Aix-en-Provence'.

The recipes that follow can be prepared as easily in a British kitchen as in a gite in France. Here is a fish soup that is neither a 'bourride' nor a 'bouillabaisse'.

- Fish soup (Serves 4) pinch fresh saffron threads 1 onion 4 ripe tomatoes 4 cloves garlic 1 celery stalk piece of bulb fennel, about 2oz/50g 2 tablespoons olive oil 3in/7.5cm piece of thinly peeled orange zest 1 teaspoon fennel seeds or 1 tablespoon Pernod



DIANA LEADBETTER

- 1 1/2pt/850ml fish stock or use a mixture of water and white wine 1 1/2-2lb/680-900g prepared fish and shellfish sea salt freshly ground black pepper

Soak the saffron threads in a teacupful of boiling water. Peel, slice and chop up the vegetables and deseed the tomatoes. Heat the olive oil, and gently sweat the vegetables until soft.

Reading Geraldine Holt's 'French Country Kitchen' (Penguin £6.95), I came across a method of cooking kidneys that I had quite forgotten about.

- 1-2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh herbs 1 or 2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed sea salt freshly ground black pepper

Put some of the herbs underneath the kidneys, lightly salt and pepper them, and place the rest of the herbs on top. Roast the kidneys in the centre of a moderately hot oven.

Here is a very simple method of producing a 'home-made' cheese that is delicious to eat with salads or on crispbreads.

- Drained cheese flavoured with herbs and garlic (Makes about 1lb/340g) 1lb/455g fromage frais or thick plain yoghurt

- 1/2 beaten egg For the fruit base 1/2oz/20g flour 1/2oz/20g caster sugar

Halve the apricots and remove the stones. Crack the stones and keep the kernels to replace bitter almonds in other recipes.

Divide the sugar in 1/2pt/150ml water over moderate heat. Poach the apricots in the syrup for two to three minutes.

- Tarte aux abricots (Mme Chalender's apricot tart with shaken hot water pastry) (Serves 6 to 8) 1-1 1/2lb/450-570g fresh apricots 4oz/115g sugar For the pastry 3oz/225g flour 1 tablespoon caster sugar 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 4 tablespoons mild salad oil like pepin de raisins (grapeseed oil)

The same but different

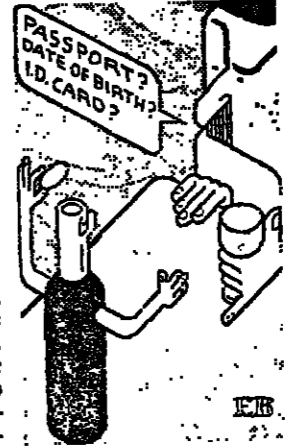
Why does a second batch of wine so often disappoint? Jane MacQuitty reveals some tricks of the trade

Ever been thrilled by a bottle of Chateau Delicieux, tasted a second bottle a week later and been thoroughly disappointed? If so, you have probably stumbled upon one of the least appetizing but most common aspects of wine trading.

scout round their cellar, or a neighbour's, will soon provide the quantity required. And it is not every wine buyer who is brave enough to challenge their suppliers on points such as these.

At the other end of the champagne quality and price scale, the much-revered House of Krug, the king of champagnes, has just released its 1981 vintage here.

Of course, wine such as non-vintage blends can improve as well as deteriorate. Recently I was delighted to taste Charles Heidsieck's new Brut Reserve which, with its pale gold colour and fresh biscuity-smoky scent and taste, is a vast improvement on the old thin, green non-vintage Brut from this champagne house.



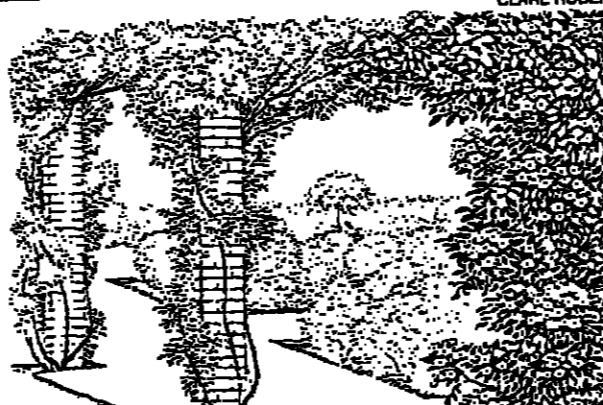
But not all bottle variability is acceptable, in my opinion. As every wine buyer and quality controller knows, there is plenty of dishonest trading about. Sometimes a disappointing second helping is a straightforward case of bad bottling or handling.

Now that the American dollar has obligingly weakened against sterling British wine buyers can at long last cash in on some keenly priced California wine buys.

IN THE GARDEN

Celebration of roses

Francesca Greenoak visits the Royal National Rose Society gardens, scene of this weekend's 1988 festival



In the solitude of a lingering thunderstorm, shot with flashes of sunlight, I walked the 12 acres of The Gardens of the Rose for hours, trying to answer the reproachable voices which always chide me when I'm there.

Beids of roses: but the grand design is rather lost on visitors really very different in character. The society has become aware of this and has begun to plant screening yew hedges.

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Advertisement for 'Unwins' featuring a coupon for a free copy of a book on sweet peas. The coupon includes fields for name, address, and a return address for Unwins.

It is just as important for domestic gardeners to realize that choosing a rose for the garden is not simply a matter of looking at a picture of the bloom.

The 1988 British Rose Festival (the gardens, and exhibits by professional and amateur rose growers), Royal National Rose Society, Chiswell Green, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL2 3NR (0727 50461) (two miles south of St Albans on the B4630), July 9 and 10, adult £3.50, child under 16 free.

WEEKEND TIPS

- Take semi-ripe cuttings from shrubs such as Rue (wear gloves), Hibiscus, Hydrangea, and Potentilla fruticosa. Cut sweet peas as they flower to encourage continuous blooming. Thin out greenhouse grapes. Put indoor plants outside (in a shaded place) to enjoy the fresh air and light - but don't forget to water. Cut back old leaves of Common Lady's Mantle (Alchemilla mollis) to get a fresh flush of foliage.

HUNGARIAN WHITES

From a country with one of the oldest wine traditions and some of the best microclimates in the world, four new whites with the latest cold fermentation methods, improved handling techniques, and early harvesting. Sauvignon Blanc 1987 - July dry, from Ciopaki by Lake Balaton 20.20 Goustraminer 1987 - spicy, flowery, fair amount of nose. Medium dry from Villany 21.20 Olaszrizling 1987 - green tinge, grapey nose, steely character. Medium dry from Etyeki 21.20 Chardonnay 1987 - lots of clean, crisp Chardonnay flavour, dry from Etyeki 21.20 HUNGARIAN WHITES CASE - three bottles of each wine 21.20

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THE ARTS

The busker who made it big



Tracy Chapman: seemingly unimpressed with her sudden success

The success of Tracy Chapman has electrified the music business.

The nature of her music makes this even more extraordinary.

Chapman was signed last year by Elektra, a label with a reputation of support for folkie troubadours.

Whatever Elektra hoped for, the results have far surpassed expectations.

In America, only Rick Astley's album has been a more successful

One might have expected Tracy Chapman to attract a cult, coffee-house following. Richard Cook examines why she has made it to the top of the charts instead

debut this year. In US terms, the LP has already out-performed every previous release by Joan Armatrading.

Why has Chapman been so successful? Her record company worked furiously hard to build a press reaction early on.

Amid the jolly hullabaloo of that event, Chapman's performance had a cold, striking dignity.

occasion - the catalogue of social injustices in "Why?" the bitter, restrained clarion call of "Talkin' Bout A Revolution".

"I think people see it as a genuine album," says Paul Conroy, British MD of WEA's US division.

The performer herself is painfully reticent when it comes to interviews, a problem she is only reluctantly overcoming.

Art in the death camps

In a major city in the last quarter of the 20th century, art is easily reduced to the status of an enjoyable aperitif.

The programme was about the paintings, drawings and sculpture produced by victims of the Nazi holocaust.

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TELEVISION

would survive and no expectation that their work would ever be seen in the outside world.

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One woman talked of the almost physical comfort she derived from being able to use colours in a monochrome environment.

The programme did not seem particularly interested in these revelations. Its purpose was to elicit an emotional response from the audience.

Instead, the interviews were simply grouped together according to the history and geography of the holocaust.

With such powerful ideas emerging from the stories which the survivors told, this was a frustrating limitation.

Celia Brayfield

Here is a conductor who has recorded all the symphonies of Glazunov and Sibelius.

Not bad but...

CONCERT

LSO/Jarvi Barbican

"Symphonette", better evokes this delightful work's atmosphere of ingenuity in miniature.

introduction), and jogging neatly through the Scherzo, but then encouraging the London Symphony Orchestra to broaden the sound impressively in the Finale.

Lydia Mordkovich, playing the solo part of Bruch's First Violin Concerto, could not have presented a greater contrast with Jarvi's genial but scarcely high-voltage readings.

In calmer moments, there was also much craft. The opening, for instance, was poised perfectly between silk and smooch.

Richard Morrison

Don's highs and lows

OPERA

Don Giovanni Covent Garden

The penultimate revival of the Royal Opera season has perhaps been weighed down by cancellations among the cast.

He also works well with Thomas Allen, who must be the most experienced Don Giovanni on the current stage.

The other strong elements in the performance are Dame Kiri Te Kanawa's Donna Elvira and Joan Rodgers's Zerlina.

Her Masetto is a gruff Gordon Sandison, and the cast also includes a disappointing Donna



A brutally cynical Don: Thomas Allen and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa

Anna from Makvala Kasrashvili and a well-meaning but faltering Don Ottavio from Stuart Burrows.

But it is also sad to hear the orchestral score sound so rustic

under the affectionate direction of Sir Colin Davis. He clearly relishes the textures, bringing forward for instance the cello obbligato in "Batti, batti", but there is little suavity in the playing, and little blend.

Paul Griffiths

Frocks outsmart cast

THEATRE

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The designer of these concoctions is Clive Evans, no mean hand when it comes to pinning the needle.

The writers, Gary Lyons and Siwan Permutt, have two performance modes. The first of these exaggerates the already batty excesses of soap, particularly those abrupt disclosures of past sins that leave the other characters registering shock-horror.

The other mode is what I dare

say the director called "real life". There are said to be people who really do dress up in a version of what Joan Collins wore last week.

Jeremy Kingston

Hilary Finch reports from Hohenems on a memorable Schubert time in Austria

Festival finds its feet again



All in his honour: the Austrian composer Franz Schubert

timpani of its startling Fidelio-like quick march hurried into one of the most pugnacious fugues I have ever heard.

One never leaves a Harmoncourt performance without understanding something more of the music in hand, and his Beethoven "Pastoral" Symphony was no ex-

ception. It came at the end of a concert dominated by Mozart's A-major Violin Concerto played by one of the Schubertiade's younger generation's musicians, the Austrian violinist, Thomas Zehetmair.

The Schubertiade is admirably encouraging its second-generation artists. Otáľ Bar, Robert Holl, and

the Hagen Quartet were out in force this year. I arrived especially to hear the young German baritone, Andreas Schmidt, but he was ill and his place was taken by Manfred Hemm.

The spirit of the Schubertiade was incarnate in András Schiff's morning recital in the tiny wood-paneled Rittersaal of the Hohenems Palace.

This year's festival has been very much a pivot-point of stability in its history. Two years ago it looked as if the organizers were in danger of losing their way with the prospect of opera threatening to distort its unique profile.

Lord Peter Wimsey in Busman's Honeymoon by Dorothy L Sayers and Muriel St Clare Byrne

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Pointing the finger

Next month Chatto and Windus will make some noise over a novel called Act of Grace by William Coyle. Coyle is already boasting...

Low brow

English Heritage, which now runs Kenwood in Hampstead and Marble Hill House in Richmond, is being buffeted by the wind of commercial realism blasting the arts world.

Roy Goodman, musical director of the European Community Baroque Orchestra, went beyond the call of duty when conducting at Beane Cathedral outside Paris last weekend.

Amadeus anew

The disbanding of the world-famous Amadeus Quartet after the death of viola player Peter Schidlof last year turns out not to be the end we all feared.



Schidlof and Brainin

Amadeus Piano Trio makes its London debut at the City of London Festival with a concert in the Stationers' Hall.

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Andrew Billen



REVIEW

Figaro, Sussex-style

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Mozart: Le nozze di Figaro. Lott/Rolandi/Esham/Stiwell/Desderi. LPO/Hatink. (EMI CDS 7 49753 2; 3 CDs)

Bernard Haitink's recording of Le nozze di Figaro shows Glyndebourne, the house he leaves at the end of his season, at close to its best.

In style it is probably closest to Marriner (Philips), those looking for stars putting on a star performance in each role may have to turn to Solti (Decca) or much further back to Giulini (EMI) - there is no shortage of Figaros on CD.

This is not a sentimental Figaro. Claudio Desderi in the title role may lack the last ounce of vocal weight for the servant's outbursts, but he more than makes up for it in the way he handles every nuance of the words.

Beatrice di Tenda is Bellini's Anna Bolena. Three years separate it from Donizetti's opera, and the similarities are acute: a royal wife is turned over by her husband in favour of another woman, and she ends by going to her death with a prayer for those she leaves behind.

Another rarity comes from Erato. John Eliot Gardiner and his forces from Lyons have a keen nose for the neglected delicacies of the French repertoire.

flamboyance of Chabrier. Rather, he had supreme melodic fluency, as anyone who has dropped into Covent Garden for Les Deux Pigeons will know.

The libretto is based on Alfred de Musset's play Le Chandelier, and Messager composed the score at around the time he moved from being artistic director at Covent Garden to return to the Paris Opéra.

There is no pretending that Messager had either the vigour or

flamboyance of Chabrier. Rather, he had supreme melodic fluency, as anyone who has dropped into Covent Garden for Les Deux Pigeons will know.

John Higgins

Lyrical discomfort Ducal beat

ROCK RECORDS

Joan Armatrading: The Shooting Stage (A&M 5211) Big Audio Dynamite: Tighen Up Vol.88 (CBS 461199)



Observer: Joan Armatrading

Joan Armatrading has quietly become one of this country's most assured and sophisticated performers, a standing which will be bolstered by The Shooting Stage, her first release since 1986's Sleight Of Hand.

Big Audio Dynamite has begun to look like a group with a great future behind it. The once innovative use of beatbox technology and the witty inserts of found sounds which characterized the early records, and accordingly Tighen Up Vol. 88 is a return to basics.

street-wise effects, and the lack of any hi-tech production, this is an alarmingly twee collection. Jones's anaemic voice brushes like a feather duster over the awkward tangles of words.

Still, at least it doesn't suffer from the overwhelming quality which distinguishes Billy Idol's Idol Songs - 11 Of The Best. Idol, who used to be the singer in Generation X, turned out to be the biggest star which the punk movement produced.

David Sinclair

JAZZ RECORDS

Modern Jazz Quartet For Ellington (East-West 790 926) Thelonious Monk On Tour in Europe (Affinity AFFD 192, 2 discs)

Thirty-five years since their formation, 32 years since their only personnel change, 14 years since they decided to call it a day and seven years since they thought better of it, the Modern Jazz Quartet seem to be enjoying a period of outstanding creativity.

The programme, also heard at their South Bank concert last week, consists of five Ellington tunes, one by Billy Strayhorn, and one each by way of tribute from the quartet's pianist, John Lewis, and vibraphonist, Milt Jackson.

Of the classics, "Ko-Ko" and "Rockin' in Rhythm" - two pieces that could hardly be imagined away from the context of Ellington's big band - offer perhaps the most startling insights.

In 1967, Thelonious Monk came to Europe with a nine-piece band, built around his regular quartet, previously unreleased. On Tour in Europe demonstrates the way the extra horns brought weird new colours to Monk's off-centre themes.

The trumpeter Clark Terry and the tenorist Johnny Griffin are among the soloists, their particular qualities effervescence in the first case, ebullience in the second, cutting interestingly across the grain of Monk's thought.

Richard Williams

CHESS

Karpov the creator

Bobby Fischer's record is in danger. In 1972 he attained a rating peak of 2785, since when it has been the dream of every truly ambitious chess player to surpass those heights.

I spoke to Gary Kasparov after his World Cup victory at Belfort. His latest rating, published on July 1, is 2760, but he told me that Belfort has putted him at least a further 13 points.

Anatoly Karpov is also in outstanding form, his 2725 ranking equalling his personal best. He, too, gained points from Belfort (approximately 10), proving that his perpetual duel with Kasparov has sharpened, rather than tarnished, his skills.

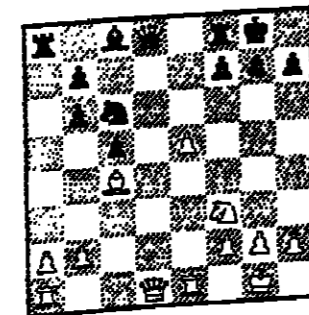
Among all the great champions of chess a special place of honour is reserved for Anatoly Karpov, who held the supreme title for no less than 10 years. He is still creating games of a subtle and refined beauty which surpass the complexity which surpass the ordinary preoccupation of most ordinary chess players.

Karpov exploited the most microscopic of advantages to transpose into a Rook and Pawn endgame which many lesser players might well have abandoned as a draw.

White: Anatoly Karpov; Black: Jan Elfvest, Grundis World Cup, Belfort, June 1988. Queen's Gambit Accepted.

The Queen's Gambit Accepted is a favourite defence of the Estonian Grandmaster. He had already used it to defeat Beliavsky in an earlier round from Belfort.

5 Nc3 e5 8 Nf3 d5 7 e4 c5 10 Nd5 O-O 9 Bc2 Qc7 12 d4 Qc6 11 Bc4 Nc6 14 Nbd2 a5 13 Re1 Nf6 14 Nbd2 a5



This apparently rather barren situation had arisen once before, in the game Miles-Schrawan, from the GLC/Phillips and Drew Tournament, London 1984. There namely had chosen the insipid Miles had chosen the insipid continuation 15 Qe2 when 15 ... Qe7 16 a3 Bc6 led to dead equality and an inevitable draw.

now proceeds to demonstrate that the seemingly even less ambitious exchange of Queens can yield White some initiative.

It gradually becomes clear that Karpov is pinning his hopes of victory on the weakness of Black's doubled pawns on the "b" file.

Elfvest has survived the first wave of Karpov's attack, but he is still pinned down by the vulnerability of his pawn on b7 and the more active placing of White's Rook. In addition, White's King now enters the fray and begins to develop a ferocious activity.

Karpov is at last able to reap the fruits of his superb positional play, and the coming gain of a pawn proves swifly decisive.

Black resigns.

Raymond Keene

BRIDGE

Ladies' day

Any British bridge competition which attracts an entry of 10,000 players must be adjudged successful.

The entry is exclusively women, it must be considered remarkable. But the success of the Empathy Ladies Pairs is not difficult to explain.

Four hundred bridge clubs participated in the heats, from which the 20 pairs with the highest percentage qualified for the final, played at the Bramley Grange Hotel in Surrey.

This hand provided a temptation for West in the bidding, and, at some tables, a good test for South in the play.

Naturally proud of my wife's achievement, I was generous with my praise. My suggestion, however, that a birthday present from me would now be superfluous was not so well received.

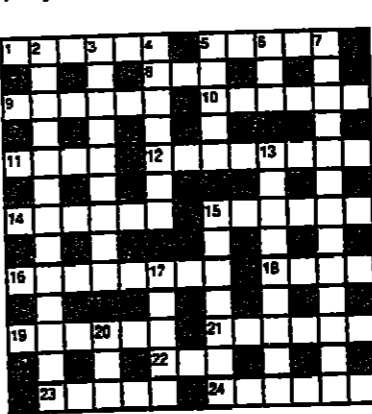
Jeremy Flint

CROSSWORD

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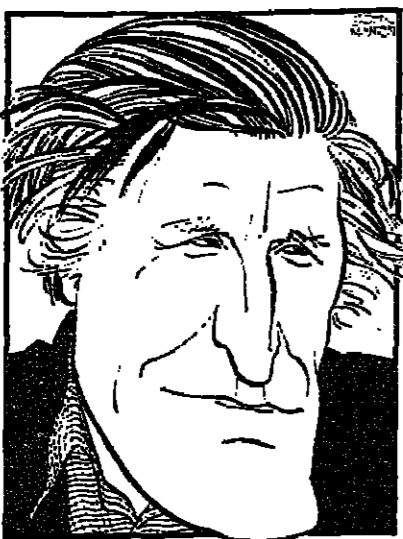
SOLUTION TO NO 1605 (last Saturday's prize concise)

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The winners of prize concise No 1605 are: Mrs Julia Marsh, The Rectory, North Berwick, Angus Regis, west Sussex, and P.J. Brown, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester

THE WEEK AHEAD



BOOKS

EARLY LEARNING: Ted Hughes, the Poet Laureate, is our most imaginative children's writer since Kipling.



THEATRE

NOT ROYAL: Keith Michell, often a monarch, plays not the future Edward VII, but a friend of his, in Royce Ryton's The Royal Baccarat Scandal.



OPERA

HOME RUN: Stefania Toczyska, the Polish mezzo-soprano, has made her reputation in the West mainly with Verdi.



GALLERIES

PAINTER IN METROLAND: Carel Weight was recently awarded the Charles Woolston Award of £5,000 for the most distinguished painting in the RA Summer Show.



ROCK

ELECTRIC POWER: John Lee Hooker, in fine fettle at 70 years of age, is a survivor from the first generation of electric blues greats.



CONCERT

OGDON OPUS: John Ogdon, noted since the start of his career for his advocacy of neglected music, plays on Thursday what is probably the longest and most demanding item in the entire piano repertoire.

THEATRE LONDON

A BRIGHT ROOM CALLED DAY: British premiere of US play by Tony Kushner, with Jane Benham, Frank Strimling, Robin Hooper, Kika Markham, Patricia Quinn, Judy Lloyd, Sam Cox, directed by Rob Walker.

NEWS OF NODA

The noted pianist Ken Noda negotiates Brahms's huge Sonata Op 5, Mozart's composite Sonata K 533/494 and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue.

FILMS

DARK EYES (PG): Soviet director Nikita Mikhalkov's superb adaptation of Chekhov short stories. Filmed in Italy, starring Marcello Mastroianni (a down-at-heel actor recalling his adventurous life and loves), with Silvana Mangano and Marthe Keller.

THE GREAT McGINTY (1940)

Brian Donlevy as the down-and-out who becomes a state governor in a crackling satirical comedy from writer-director Preston Sturges.

DANCE

NAYEE KIRAN: A seven day festival of Indian dance and music as they have established themselves in Britain. Different programmes daily.

EASTENDERS AGAINST THE GRAIN

Fact and myth in the portrayal of the East End of London in film, television and video: narrated by Warren (Alf Garnett) Mitchell.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Tonight and Wed at 6.30pm two final performances of Lohengrin conducted by Jeffrey Tate.

BOOKINGS FIRST CHANCE

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Postal booking open for autumn season, with new productions of La Traviata and Christmas Eve.

GALLERIES

CLAES OLDENBURG: A retrospective of drawings and sculpture for a first generation American Pop artist.

LAST CHANCE

ANDY WARHOL: Latest drawings, including Campbell's soup tin, Anthony Offey, Beado, Stuart, London W1 (01-499 4100). Ends today.

IN THE PADDINGTON STYLE

Premiere of John Matuszkiewicz's bitter comedy. Tam Dean Burn, Jabu Mbalu, David Mallinson, Ruddy L. Davis and Holly Wilson, directed by the author.

THE POINTSMAN (15)

Pantomime dominates this eccentric feature by Dutch director Jos Stelling.

LONDON CITY OPERA

present a new, fully staged production of Monteverdi's L'incoronazione di Poppea.

WHISTLER PRINTS

A selection of the American painter's atmospheric etchings. Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool (051 207 0001). From Tuesday.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Continued from facing page SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES: 5.15pm-5.30pm Sports News Wales. SCOTLAND: 5.15pm-5.30pm Sports News Scotland. ENGLAND: 5.15pm-5.30pm Sports News England.

BORDER

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SCOTTISH

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ULSTER

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YORKSHIRE

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OUT OF TOWN

EDINBURGH: The Heart of Midlothian: Donald Campbell's adaptation of the novel by Sir Walter Scott. Cast of 38 plus musicians.

FILMS ON TV

Based on the career of Huey Long, the flamboyant governor of Louisiana, All the King's Men was for its time (1949) one of Hollywood's boldest exposés of political corruption.

ROCK

MICHAEL JACKSON: Wacko-fever strikes. Thurs, for three nights, Wembley Stadium, Middlesex (01-902 1234).

RADIO

HEADLONG HALL: Thomas Love Peacock's satire on the intellectual life in the early 19th century dramatized by James Saunders.

PHOTOGRAPHY

PICTURE POST: Glorious nostalgia from Thurston Hopkins and Grace Robertson, husband and wife team, of the legendary magazine Picture Post, which chronicles the life and times of the British Isles from 1949 to 1957.

CONCERTS

CARMINA CONCERT: The celebrated Carmina Quartet play Schubert's Quartettsatz D 703, Quartet D 804 'Death and the Maiden' and Haydn's Quartet Op 33 No 1.

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on Tuesday, when London Festival Ballet opens its regular summer season with Natalia Makarova's new production of Swan Lake.

JAZZ

JVC/CAPITAL JAZZ PARADE: The annual mainstream jazz jamboree is launched by Dozy Gillespie/Chuck Mangione, followed by Cleo Laine/John Dankworth (Tue); Carlos Santana/Wayne Shorter (Wed); Gerry Mulligan/Wynton Marsalis (Fri); Dave Brubeck/George Shearing (Sat).

TELEVISION

Glenda Jackson repeats her stage role as the unfulfilled heroine of Eugene O'Neill's intense drama, Strange Interlude, which comes to television as a three-part mini-series.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24 MARCESCENT (c) Botanical jargon for something that is withered and yet remains attached to its parent plant, up and wither.

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Dancing in the streets



Love birds: Peter Schaufuss and Laura Contardi dance in the London Festival Ballet's new Swan Lake

Dance company and productions by Béjart, Kylian, Lifar and Tetley. Next into town is the ever popular Dance Theatre of Harlem, playing a fortnight at the Coliseum from August 1, before going to the Theatre Royal at Glasgow for a week.

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SATURDAY

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

SUNDAY

The 80th birthday retrospective for James Stewart continues tonight with a film which was a box-office failure at the time of its release but has since gained the status of a classic.

businessman who has worked hard for his town and family but is convinced that he is a failure and is contemplating suicide. An angel from heaven (Henry Travers) is sent to change his mind by showing him the town as it would have been had he not existed, a place of gin-mills, strip-joints and other depravities.



From failure to fortune: James Stewart and Donna Reed in Capra's celebration of small-town America (BBC2, 8.05pm)



Target for terror: Bryan Murray as the IRA informer forced to assume a new identity to protect his family (BBC2, 9.50pm)

The BBC seems to be making a habit of producing thrillers about Northern Ireland and then having to postpone showing them when the latest atrocity from the province makes it tasteless to do so.

McQuade is the alias for an ex-Belfast banker who used his wizardry on the computer to swell the funds of the IRA. Sentenced to 25 years inside, he is let out after turning informer but forced to start a new life with his wife and son in England where his old terrorist contacts will not find him.

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6.45 Open University.
6.55 The Kid. A new comedy series.
8.30 The Family.
9.00 On the Waterfront.
10.45 The Waterfront.
10.45 The Waterfront.

- BBC2
6.50 Open University.
7.15 The Future of Print.
7.40 Power to the People?
8.55 Magnetic Circuits.
9.30 Mechanical Manipulation.
9.55 The History of Mathematics.

- ITV/LONDON
6.00 TV-am includes news and weather.
6.25 Get Fresh in the grounds of the Eden Court Theatre.
11.30 Punky Brewster.

- CHANNEL 4
9.30 Same Difference (r).
10.00 What It's Worth (r).
10.30 Film: South of St. Louis (1949) starring Joel McCrea and Alexis Smith.

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6.25 David Frost on Sunday.
9.25 Wake Up London.
9.40 Care Bears (r).

- CHANNEL 4
9.25 Teesra Kinara.
Episode 14 of the 28 part Pakistani drama serial.
9.50 Settlers' Tales. First generation Asian immigrants.

- Radio 1
MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below) News on the half-hour until 1.00pm.
8.30, 9.30, 10.30 and 12.00 midnight.

- Radio 2
MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour until 1.00pm.
then at 1.00pm, 2.00pm and hourly from 10.00.

- Radio 3
6.55 Weather.
7.00 Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Summer from The Four Seasons; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Martinson).

- Radio 4
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Stratford with Norman Tabbitt MP.

- Radio 5
6.00 News.
6.15 The World Today.
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Iran attacks Thatcher on Airbus stand

From Nicholas Beeston, Tehran

The Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's second most powerful leader, attacked Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday over her response to the Airbus incident, in what appeared to be an attempt to shift Britain's support for the American point of view in advance of the United Nations Security Council debate on the incident on Tuesday.

Addressing thousands of worshippers at Friday prayers, he said that, as a woman, the Prime Minister should have more respect for human life than to defend the US Navy's shooting down of an Iran Air passenger aircraft carrying 290 people.

Kensington: The good, the bad and the loony

The voters of Kensington, the smallest but most densely populated borough in London, face a

galaxy of candidates on the ballot paper. The mainstream political parties are joined by a host of

fringe candidates battling to succeed Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, the Conservative MP, whose

death has caused Thursday's by-election in the seat he held with a 4,447 majority.



Peace - Stop ITN Manipulation

John Connell: From Glasgow, Christian Scientist, journalist, former Labour member, active in CND. Stood in 1983 (Penrith/Border, 69 votes); 1984 (Chesterfield 7 votes); 1985 (Tyne Bridge, 250 votes).



Anti-Yuppie Revolutionary Crowleystip Vegetarian Visionary

John Eamonn Crowley: Aged 22, fork-lift driver from Harrow. Feared for "yuppies" effect on house prices in inner London; says vegetarianism movement is ahead of its time.



London Class War

John Dugman: Aged 49, unemployed builder's labourer. Former member of the Labour Party and campaigning to "stop the yuppie invasion". Message to rich voters of South Kensington and Holland Park: Go and jump in the Serpentine.



Fair Wealth Distribution Fair Housing Provision

Roy Edey: From Northampton. Former south London Liberal councillor, works in Harrow solicitor's office. Describes himself as an Independent and hopes his ticket will be taken seriously.



Conservative

Dudley Fishburn: Aged 42, Eton and Harvard, married, four children, lives in London and Berkshire, executive editor The Economist. "By as dust" Tory, failed to oust Liberal in Isle of Wight at October 1974 and May 1979 general elections.



Social & Liberal Democrat

William Goodhart: Aged 55, Eton, Cambridge and Harvard, married, three teenage children, lives in Kensington, barrister. Founder member SDP, leading advocate for Liberal merger. Contested Kensington for Alliance in 1983 and 1987.



Anti Left Wing Fascist

Bryan Goodier: Aged 60, from Rochester, Kent. British Rail employee. Born in S Wales when parents returned from Australia after leaving UK, worked in South Africa.



Green Party

Philip Hobson: Aged 19, self-employed sales, lives in Kensington. Former S Wales Green party youth officer former member of Plaid Cymru. Member CND. Not eligible to sit in the House of Commons until he is 21.



Labour

Ann Holmes: Aged 41, separated, London 9.47 pm to 4.26 am. Housing consultant, chairman of governors Holland Park school. Labour candidate Kensington 1979, Calder Valley 1983. Labour councillor Islington 1974-1978.



Social Democratic Party

John Martin: Aged 52, married, five teenage children, lives in Holland Park, chairman of consultancy company. Labour Party 1953-1973, founder member SDP 1981, chairman of Kensington branch after merger. Commons candidate four times.



Free Trade Liberal Party - Europe Out

Brian McDermott: An actor who has appeared in the top television soap operas Crossroads and Coronation Street. Lives in Kensington.



Rainbow Alliance Payne & Pleasure Party

Cynthia Payne: Former brothel keeper known for luncheon voucher parties at home in south London. Seeks legalization of prostitution.



The Leveller Party

William Scola: Aged 39, single, South London dealer in bric-a-brac, born Dublin. Aims to rectify wealth imbalance across country with 30% tax on profits from property.



Monster Raving Loony Rock Music Party

Lord David Sutch: Aged 48, former pop star, veteran candidate, and has stood in 12 campaigns since 1963. On edge of politics for 25 years.



Independent Janata Party

Dr Kalash Trivedi: From Grimsby. Gained 104 votes in Glamorgan South in 1987 general election. Election agent convicted of forging nomination paper signatures.

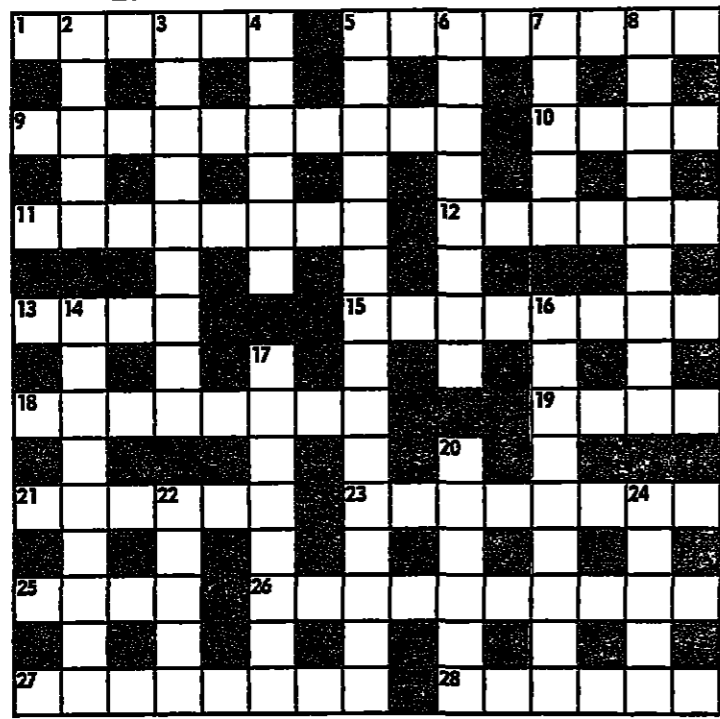
Yard probe threat to bullion jury

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Identities and addresses of jury panels may be obtained legitimately under the Juries Act 1974. In a separate development yesterday Judge Lowry lifted the order preventing reporting of evidence given by Mr Boyce in the absence of the jury.

He also singled out by name Mr Emmanuel "Ted" Wein, managing clerk for Michael Retton. Mr Boyce alleged Mr Wein had, like his employer, been involved in handling Brink's-Mat money.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,717



ACROSS: 1 Left hands? (6); 5 Set from abroad, just edited (8); 9 Pilot away from home? He was drowned in Dickens's novel (10); 10 Match cut for this garment (4); 11 Bird painter (8); 12 Chap requiring cake and endless tea? Right (6); 13 Tips to back these two horses (4); 15 Collapse with winter setting in (-4,4); 18 Home-made answer to anagram for Times crossword's number one (8); 19 Obscure-sounding round-the-world traveller (4); 21 Rare present person hasn't made himself (6); 23 Make short work of Sappers? (8); 25 Kent gardens round centre of Sevenoaks (4); 26 Start one after it in one race (10); 27 Traveller to Canterbury going further than commuter (8); 28 Arab leader's instant pronunciation (6).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? SCITECH: By Philip Howard. MARCESCENT a. Distinctive scent of a species; b. The waning moon; c. Withered. POROUS POT a. A bottle kila; b. Raw marijuana; c. An electrical diaphragm. BONING-RODS a. Fossil sediments; b. Surveying posts; c. A crystalline formation. UBIQUINONE a. An electron carrier; b. An alkaline febrifuge; c. A surveyor's spirit level.

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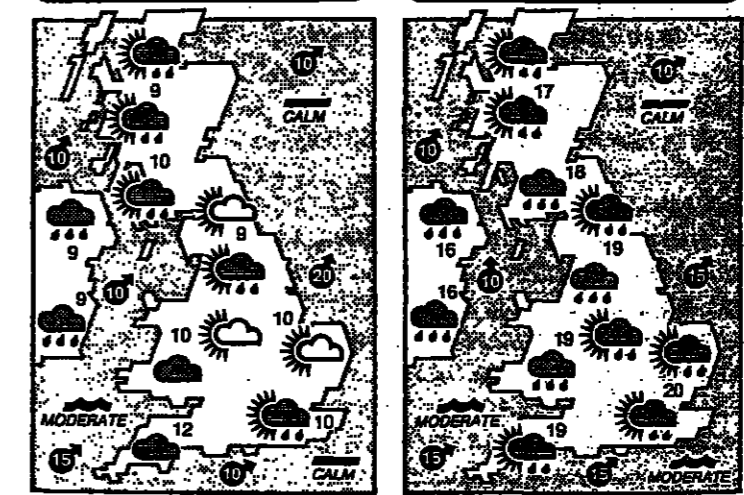
A prize of a distinctive Sheaffer Targa Regency Sirpe fountain pen with a solid 14-carat gold nib will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 466, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

WEATHER

Showers are expected in most places although sunny intervals are likely - particularly in northern and central districts - after the clearance of early morning mist and fog. Later it will become generally cloudy from the West with light rain. More general rain is likely to spread across Northern Ireland into north-west England and south-west Scotland. Outlook: heavier rain moving steadily south-east on Sunday followed by brighter showery conditions.

Table with columns for ABOARD, AROUND BRITAIN, and HIGH TIDES. Includes weather forecasts for various locations and tide times.

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LIGHTING-UP TIME

Table showing lighting-up times for various locations like London, Manchester, etc.

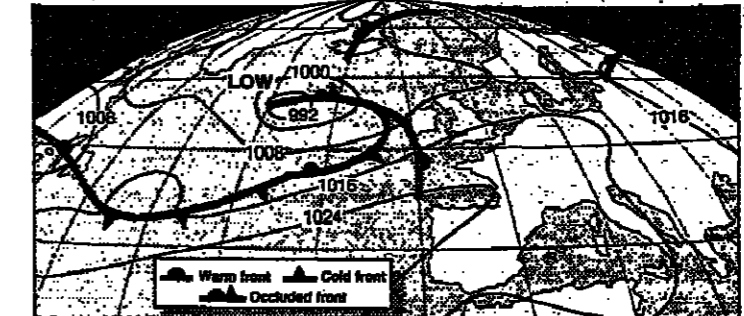
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Table showing highest and lowest temperatures for various locations.

MANCHESTER

Table showing weather details for Manchester, including temperature and wind.

NOON TODAY



THE POUND

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like the Dollar, Swiss Franc, etc.

Concise crossword puzzle page 21 with grid and clues.

Weather and tide information for various locations.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'River deal prospects improved' and 'STOCK MATCH'.





BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Slower growth fails to halt BEP's profit rise

Bristol Evening Post, the newspaper publisher and newsagent chain, lifted profits from £4.65 million to £6.08 million in the year to end-March, despite only a relatively small rise in turnover, from £47.9 million to £53.03 million.

A trading profit breakdown shows newspaper publishing and printing made £3.43 million - against £2.32 million previously - while the retail operations contributed £897,000, compared with £831,000.

Quest Int's Pacific buy

Unilever's Quest International has bought the flavours and fragrances interests of Goodman Fielder Wattle in Australia and New Zealand.

£2m disposal by Tootal

Royal Sovereign Group, which is quoted on the Third Market, is buying Imperial Graphic Products, a supplier of graphics materials, from Tootal for £2.03 million in cash.

£1.8m deals at Young

H Young Holdings, the mini-conglomerate, is to pay £1.85 million for Semtor Electronics, an electronics distributor, Synchro Services (Opto-Electronics), which deals in switches, and Boniford, an automotive industry distributor.

Payment is via 1.81 million new shares, of which 1.03 million will be placed and available for clawback at 15p to present holders on a three-for-two basis.

Sycamore trims loss

Sycamore Holdings, the Lancashire kitchen and garden furniture maker once known as Burco Dean, has trimmed its losses in the half year to end-March from £199,000 to £61,000, following a strong rise in turnover from £2.42 million to £3.33 million.

BHP to sell Brownbult

The Broken Hill Pty Co said in Sydney, that Email, the consumer durables maker, will buy Brownbult, BHP's steel division subsidiary which makes industrial and office systems, for an undisclosed price.

Anglia agency sale

Anglia Secure Homes, the specialist developer and manager of private retirement housing, is selling its Trowbridge Estate Agents business based at Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, for an undisclosed sum.

Saudi contract boosts shares

Confirmation that Britain has signed a record £7 billion defence contract with Saudi Arabia was greeted enthusiastically by investors in the stock market yesterday.

It is Britain's biggest-ever export order and topples the United States from the top slot as Saudi Arabia's largest arms supplier. The deal, which is said to include 60 Tornado fighters and several minesweepers, should benefit all our big defence contractors.

News of the deal enabled most of the defence contractors to score sizeable gains as investors chased their shares sharply higher. British Aerospace led the way with a leap of 42p to 447p.

It also put some pep back into the rest of the equity market which was showing signs of running out of steam after a firm start. Turnover levels soared to about their highest so far this year with the FT-SE 100 index closing near its best level of the day, 21,772 points up at 1,877.2.

Sentiment was also boosted by a steadier start to trading on Wall Street following the heavier falls seen this week. A total of 601 million alpha and

beta shares were traded on the Stock Exchange computers. As dealers made their way home ahead of the weekend break, they expressed satisfaction with the market's performance this week which has seen it shrug off a half-point rise in base rates to 10 per cent and the crisis in the Gulf in the wake of the shooting down of the Iranian Airbus.

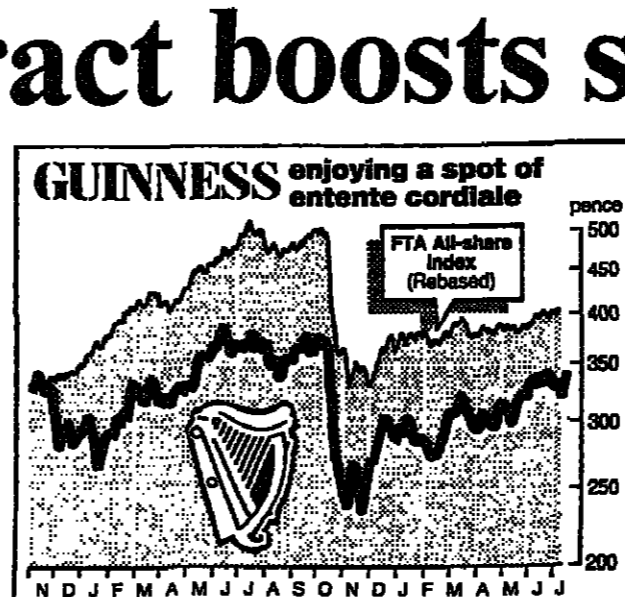
Glits encountered a few cheap buyers during early hours but still only closed mixed in this trading. The takeover favourites continued to make a lot of the running with Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement producer, again supported by talk of a bid. It ended the day 9p dearer at 467p after Hoare Govett, the

Mitsy, the computer software group, continued to creep higher with a 10p rise to 340p - making a two-day lead of 20p. Full-year figures later this month should make pleasant reading. Analysts are looking for pre-tax profits of £2.2 million compared with £900,000 last time.

broker, upgraded its profits forecast. There has been talk that Hanson has been casting a covetous eye over the group. Speculation has been heightened this week by the sale of Hanson's HP Foods and Lea & Perrins business in a deal that raised an extra £199 million.

Bid hopes also boosted Yale and Valor by 7p to 410p. There has been persistent talk that Williams Holdings, the fast-growing industrial conglomerate, has already

STOCK MARKET



built up a near 5 per cent holding in the shares and may contemplate a full bid.

The story that the Ford Motor Company might also be considering a bid for Jaguar, our own luxury car manufacturer, boosted the latter by a further 13p to 317p - making a two-day rise of 30p. Dealers claim that Ford has a massive \$6 billion (£3.5 billion) to spend on acquisitions and is anxious to become more involved in the European luxury car market.

The insurance composites enjoyed a steady run higher with Royal Insurance climbing 12p to 420p, after 425p and General Accident by 20p to 815p. There are suggestions that the Canadian government is about to lift restrictions imposed a couple of years ago on price increases for motor insurance cover. Royal and General Accident both have a large presence in Canada.

Guinness was the star turn of the day, soaring by 23p to 340p, after 337p, following the news that Moët-Hennessy, the

ventures with Guinness. Dealers in London were clearly pleased with the news. The Guinness share price has been under a cloud since the Department of Trade and Industry first moved into the company in December 1986, following its successful £2.1 billion bid for Distillers.

Guinness's shares have consistently underperformed the market, amid worry about the repercussions of the inquiry. Dealers are now hoping that these latest moves will signal a rearing of the shares. Abbey Life, the financial services group, closed below its best level of the day with a rise of 1p at 323p. This week, it replaced Rowntree as a constituent of the shares which make up the FT-SE 100 index following the agreed bid from Nestlé.

Rival Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group which remains a member of the FT-SE 100, firmed by 1.5p to 400.5p. General Cinema of the US continues to hold an 18 per cent stake.

Blue Arrow, the world's biggest employment agency, put in a late run, rising by 5p to 118p. Mr Tony Berry, the chairman, has been talking to New York brokers and fund managers. Last week's figures, showing pre-tax profits soaring from £9 million to £28 million, were given a lukewarm reception by the City.

A number of analysts close to Blue Arrow are now worried about prospects for the full year and have downgraded their estimates from £100 million to £90 million.

Michael Clark

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns: EQUITIES, RECENT ISSUES, RIGHTS ISSUES. Lists various companies and their share prices.

ALPHA STOCKS

Table with columns: Vol '000, Alpha Stocks. Lists various companies and their share prices.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings Last Dealings Last Declaration For Settlement. Call options were taken out on 8/7/88 Inco, C. Baynes, Movist, M Hall, Norfolk Capital, Wistrow, Astra Holdings, Sears, Scombs & Newcastle, Chrimes International, Marler, Brentford, Sealed, Dares, Easton, Meol, Paul, Cherrill, J. Williams, NSM, London United Inv Trust, Eagle Trust, Ferrant.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Large table with columns: Series, Call, Put, etc. Lists various options and their prices.

Shares in publisher halted on bid talk

By Martin Waller

Shares in Chartsearch, the publisher of investment newsletters and books, were suspended at their highest level on the USM on news of an approach that could lead to a bid.

Mr John Gomes, the chairman, would give no further details except to say that further news could be expected on Tuesday or Wednesday. The shares were suspended at 57.5p as the price began to rise. They jumped 8p on Thursday.

The company came to the USM in October at 18p a share. It is best known for its share tip sheets, although Mr Gomes said these accounted for just 10 per cent of its client base.

Chartsearch's best seller last year was its book entitled The Lazy Man's Way to Riches.

Glass Glover in the red

Glass Glover, the fresh fruit grower and distributor group, which has accepted a £47 million takeover bid from its own management, reported a reversal from a profit of £1.5 million to a loss of £546,000 in the first half.

Offer flops

Less than half the shares in the recent £3 million offer by Prestwick Holdings, a Scottish circuit board-maker, of convertible preference shares have been taken up. Some 53.2 per cent have been placed with institutional investors.

Banker remanded in £15m fraud case

The £50,000-plus a year former vice-president of the London branch of the First National Bank of Boston was accused yesterday of a £15 million fraud against his former employers.

Haiti-born Mr Max Buteau, aged 39, who resigned last month after 14 years with the American bank, three of those as vice-president, was remanded in custody for a week on a conspiracy charge at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in Westminster.

He is charged with conspiring with Dr Tina Jaffe, aged 40 - a French financial consultant wanted for questioning by

Company Fraud Squad detectives - between October 21, 1987, and January 16 this year to defraud the Bank of Boston of \$10.3 million and £7,383,500, by issuing to investors letters guaranteeing the sums, purporting that he was acting on behalf of the bank.

The case is one of the first prosecutions undertaken by the Serious Fraud Office, set up by the Government this year to deal with large fraud investigations.

Mr Christopher Bourke, the magistrate, rejected defence solicitor Miss Stephanie Nedas's plea for bail.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing unit trust information, organized into columns for various fund managers and their respective funds. Includes sub-sections like 'FUND MANAGERS', 'KEY FUND MANAGERS', 'UNIT TRUST MANAGERS', etc.

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table listing unlisted securities with columns for company names, prices, and other financial metrics.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table listing investment trusts with columns for trust names, prices, and other financial metrics.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing sterling spot and forward rates for various currencies.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table showing dollar spot rates for various currencies.

MONEY MARKETS

Table showing money market rates for clearing banks and discount markets.

GOLD

Table showing gold prices for bullion and coins.

TREASURY BILLS

Table showing treasury bill rates for various maturities.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing London financial futures prices for interest rate and currency contracts.

COMMODITIES

Table showing commodity prices for various goods like oil, sugar, and metals.

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

From your Portfolio gold card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily or accumulator dividend figures. If it matches or better this figure you have won outright or a share of the daily or accumulator prize money. Always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

Table with columns: No., Company, Group, Code or Note, Price, Change, % Change, P/E. Lists various companies like Royal Ind, Claythorpe, Granada, etc.

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, Total. Includes a note: Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table of British Funds with columns: No., Name, Type, Price, Change, % Change, P/E. Includes funds like High Low Stock, SHORTS (Under Five Years), FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS, OVER FIFTEEN YEARS, UNDATED, INDEX-LINKED.

Table of Banks and Discount HP with columns: No., Name, Price, Change, % Change, P/E.

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Table of Electricals with columns: No., Name, Price, Change, % Change, P/E.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Strong gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 4. Dealings end July 15. Contango day July 18. Settlement day July 25. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (ex) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 28).

Table of Breweries with columns: No., Name, Price, Change, % Change, P/E.

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Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000 Claims required for 22 points ACCUMULATOR £114,000 Claims better than 22 points Claimants should ring 0254-53272

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FAMILY MONEY

Edited by Vivien Goldsmith

The troublemakers' cheques



What's it worth? A whole lot of hassle to Andrew Hatherley

Travellers' cheques are thought of as universal currency, but Britain is amazingly unco-operative. SIMON ROSE tells a revealing story

Andrew Hatherley arrived in Britain from Canada for a holiday without any English cash. However, he was not concerned because he had brought plenty of sterling travellers' cheques with him.

Having travelled extensively in North America, he knew that travellers' cheques, denominated in the currency of the country you are visiting are just as good as cash.

He was soon to be disillusioned. As soon as he had cleared customs at Stansted airport he marched to the Thomas Cook Bureau de Change to turn his American Express cheques into folding currency.

Unfortunately, the Thomas Cook people did not smilingly tell him his American Express cheques would do nicely. On the contrary, they insisted that he paid £1 for the privilege.

Mr Hatherley couldn't believe it, said Mr Hatherley. "It's ridiculous to charge anyone for turning cash into cash. I had already paid my commission on the cheques when I bought them in Montreal."

However, as there was nowhere else at Stansted to change money and as he reckoned the coach driver would not accept travellers' cheques, he had to grin and bear it.

It was not long before he encountered the problem again. At Silverstone race track he wanted to buy tickets for the forthcoming British Grand Prix.

"They took travellers' cheques all right," he said, "but they insisted on deducting a £1 handling charge. I was so cross about it that I made a lot of fuss."

"When somebody more senior came along, he admitted that a mistake had been made. It should only have been a charge of 50p. Big deal."

Mr Hatherley, like so many other visitors to Britain, has discovered that acceptance of sterling travellers' cheques is very patchy indeed. Some places will not touch them at all. Some charge for the privilege of doing so. Others,

including a tiny bookshop in Charing Cross Road, London, that Mr Hatherley visited, happily accept them just as if they were cash.

It is a problem that will be encountered, not only by foreign visitors to the United States, but also by Britons who return from abroad with un-cashed sterling travellers' cheques.

It is clear from Thomas Cook and American Express, the two main issuers of travellers' cheques in Britain, that

owning Thomas Cook, is your best bet, together with the Nationwide Anglia or Alliance & Leicester Building Societies. Many of the foreign banks in the UK are also linked up with Thomas Cook.

Barclays says it makes no charge for encashment of sterling travellers' cheques, whatever company issues them, and the same is true of the Royal Bank of Scotland, TSB, just to be different, will encash the cheques free only if you are a customer of the bank.

Just suppose you want to spend your cheques in a shop, a hotel or a restaurant. Claire Morgan, spokesman for American Express, says: "It is always worth asking. In the United States travellers' cheques are regarded as cash. It is unusual to take them to a bank. Here they are the next best thing to cash."

She also points out that, unlike cash, you can get them replaced under a 24-hour emergency assistance service if they are lost or stolen.

Roger Taylor, Thomas Cook's regional director for the UK and Ireland, believes the travellers' cheques are treated differently in Britain and the United States because the American banking system lacks sophistication.

"It is simply not as up to date as ours," he says. "They don't have inter-state banking. You can't use your cheque book in another state. That's why credit cards and travellers' cheques are the main currency there."

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KEY RATES

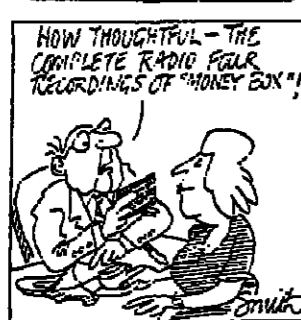


Table of key financial rates including Retail Prices Index (+4.2%), Mortgage rate (9.75%), Bank base rate (10%), Bank prime overdraft rate (13-17% APR), Personal loan rate (19% APR), Credit card rate (23.1% APR), Hire purchase rate (26% APR), Bank deposit account (3%), Building society ordinary account (3.5%), High-interest cheque account (6.5%), Holiday exchange rates (Spanish peseta 202.75, French franc 10.33, Greek drachma 242, Italian lira 2280).

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

Table of interest rates for various financial products. Columns include Nominal rate, Compounded return at tax rates (25%, 40%), Min/max investment, Notice, and Contact. Categories include BANKS, BUILDING SOCIETIES, MONEY FUNDS, NATIONAL SAVINGS, GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS, and FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table of base lending rates for various banks and institutions, including ABN, Adam & Company, BCCI, Consolidated Crds, Co-operative Bank, C. Hoare & Co, Hong Kong & Shanghai, Lloyds Bank, Nat. Westminster, Royal Bank of Scotland, TSB, and Citibank NA.

Table of guaranteed income bonds and foreign currency deposits. Columns include product name, interest rate, term, and contact information.

Continuation of the 'The troublemakers' cheques' article, discussing the challenges of using travellers' cheques in the UK and the role of banks and building societies.

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

Large table listing various unit-linked insurance investments. Columns include fund name, bid/offer prices, and other details. Funds are categorized by type, such as EQUITY, BOND, and MIXED.

Advertisement for AAB's High Interest Accounts, featuring a large 'A' logo and text promoting high interest rates and flexible terms.

FAMILY MONEY

Fimbra halts third adviser

A third investment adviser has been suspended from trading in the wake of the Barlow Clowes affair. Gordon Pettie Investment Services (GPIS), firm, which put large sums into Barlow Clowes, was told in secret on Tuesday to stop conducting investment business under Rule 17 of Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association.

Meanwhile, GPIS clients were taken on by Herrington Financial Services, of Newcastle upon Tyne. GPIS will still help the Barlow Clowes clients "for as long as it takes to achieve the best possible resolution", says the firm.

Mr Pettie said he was amazed at Fimbra's action: "At all times we have co-operated with them. We are obviously concerned about protecting our clients' interests. This action by Fimbra will cause unnecessary anxiety."

He has not been reluctant to stand up and be counted among the advisers who recommended Barlow Clowes. He co-ordinated a committee of the seven brokers most heavily involved.

He wrote recently: "If I was an investor in Barlow Clowes — and three members of our staff are — I would be demanding action by my professional adviser in this harrowing situation. Coming together with the other professional advisers to consider suing the Department of Trade and Industry would seem to be a good place to start."

GPIS is in a first-floor office in Poynton, Cheshire. Mr Pettie was introduced to Barlow Clowes seven years ago. But when the way gains on gilts are taxed was changed in 1985, he continued to recommend the new Barlow Clowes vehicle, Portfolio 68.

He said: "I was invited to Gibraltar for the official opening of Barlow Clowes International. It gave me an opportunity of seeing for myself the operation. About 30 UK professional advisers were there along with a host of other people."

"The official opening was performed by the Gibraltar Chief Minister. He spoke of the need to attract solid and respected companies such as Barlow Clowes."

Mr Pettie claims he checked on Barlow Clowes over the years. Three years ago he

Magnificent Eight take up Barlow Clowes fight

The magnificent seven — Barlow Clowes investors' national committee — have turned into the magnificent eight.

The committee, which was chosen at a meeting at the offices of Manchester solicitors Alexander Tatham this week, is asking investors to send between £2 and £5, depending on personal circumstances, to cover postage and other costs.

The committee members will act as regional co-ordinators as well as acting as a steering committee encouraging Barlow Clowes investors to lobby their MPs and liaise with the solicitors.

The secretary of the group is Peter Whitworth, an architect from Stockport, Greater Manchester. "We are trying to get as many names as possible so

that we can represent a large body of investors," he said. "Once we know who they are and where they are, we can direct them to the nearest committee member. We are aiming to collate as much information as possible and send out regular newsletters."

Another Barlow Clowes investor from Stockport runs a direct mail company and is allowing the committee to use all his facilities.

The chairman of the Barlow Clowes Investors Group (BCIG) is John Dyer, of Cambridge, who says: "We are distancing ourselves from any legal action. That is for individuals. Our role is not to step between people and their solicitors."

Other committee members come from north and south London, Leeds, Shropshire and County Durham.

The solicitor Antony Gold, from Alexander Tatham, said that if any Barlow Clowes investors from South Wales and Scotland wanted to join the group they would give a complete geographical spread and make keeping contact easier.



Antony Gold: "legal remedies"

have been in contact with them to try to assess their chances of successful action against their intermediaries. This will focus on the nature of the advice that the intermediary gave — how strongly Barlow Clowes was recommended and whether all the available funds were put into this one source.

The firm will also try to pinpoint the time when any advice was given in the light of key dates on which intermediaries should have been alerted that all was not well at Barlow Clowes.

A committee representing four firms of solicitors has also been set up. It will try to ensure that any advice given to investors is consistent and that any legal action is properly co-ordinated.

The members of the committee are Alexander Tatham, of Manchester, Glaisyers, of Birmingham, Dibb Lupton, of Leeds, and Edward Lewis, of Cardiff.

The committee can be contacted via Alexander Tatham at 30 St Ann Street, Manchester M2 3DB (061-833 0277).

Mr Gold, who will work closely with the national committee, said: "The areas on which they will be focusing will not be legal remedies. They will leave that to us."

Alexander Tatham now has around £70,000 in a fighting fund. The firm is sending out an 11-page questionnaire to Barlow Clowes investors who

An eerie calm has settled on mortgage rates in the wake of this week's further base rate rise. Most lenders are committed to raising their rates from August 1, yet all but one large bank have decided to sit tight and wait before announcing what their new figure will be.

It looks as if rates will centre around 11 per cent, with the cheapest at about 10.75 and more costly ones touching 11.5.

Earlier in the week it looked fairly likely that base rates would rise again, to 10.5 per cent, but market sentiment now believes 10 per cent could hold for some time.

The next crucial date for market indicators is the US trade figures next Friday. It is likely that when the market has absorbed the impact of those figures early the following week lenders will finally have to announce the new rates. But no lender wants to break ranks and pin its flag to the mast for fear that the competition will undercut any new rate by a shade.

At the moment mortgage rates are below base rate. This is more uncomfortable for the banks and new-style lenders, which get their funds from the money markets, than for building societies, which look to savers for their funds — although even the new lenders will be cushioned by funds acquired earlier at lower rates.

Building societies are enjoying record inflows. More than £1 billion a month has come in

Eerie calm on home loan rates front

from retail receipts for the four months to May. Investors are disenchanted with the stock market, and National Savings products are not pitched at a competitive level at the moment.

But the societies are watching their inflows carefully and will have to increase savers' rates if other homes for savers' funds become more attractive. There will then be a knock-on effect on the mortgage rate.

The greatest fear is competition from the banks. Lloyds has already raised its savers' rates this week. The investment account, which requires 90 days' notice of withdrawals if there is to be no loss of interest, for instance, moves from 6.5 to 7 per cent net. Barclays also has a new deposit account paying 7 per cent net on sums of more than £10,000 left for one month or longer.

"These new rates, particularly on the investment account, compare favourably with similar accounts currently on offer from the major building societies," says Barclays.

David Cox, lending business manager at the National & Provincial Building Society, said the society was reluctant to move. "People are finding it more and more difficult to get on the home ownership ladder," he said. "There is the deadline for multiple mortgage interest relief coming at the end of the month and the last thing they need is another kick in the teeth."

"No building society wants to be the first to move."

But Barclays, which claims to be the high street bank with the largest share of the mortgage market, was the first to move its mortgage rate — from 9.75 to 11.1 per cent.

The new rate, equivalent to an annual percentage rate of 11.6, will increase the cost of a £50,000 repayment mortgage over 25 years by £38.44 a month to £424.11 a month. The new rate was effective for both new and existing borrowers immediately.

Very few fixed-rate mortgages are on offer at the moment, but Chase de Vere Pall Mall has a novel scheme called the rate protector. This is a minimum £40,000 mortgage fixed at 11.45 per cent for five years. But those with mortgages below 85 per cent of the value of the property have the option of having interest collected at 8.95 per cent for the five-year period and the shortfall added to the loan.

The Barlow Clowes Investors Group can be contacted at PO Box 20, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, SK8 6PE, and D.M. Ogilvy, Bank of Scotland Buildings, 39 Murraygate, Dundee, DD1 2EE

checked on Barlow Clowes' professional indemnity. "They would not give us a copy of the policy, but they did personally bring the policy to our office to examine," said Mr Pettie. "We were satisfied by the level of cover it offered to our clients."

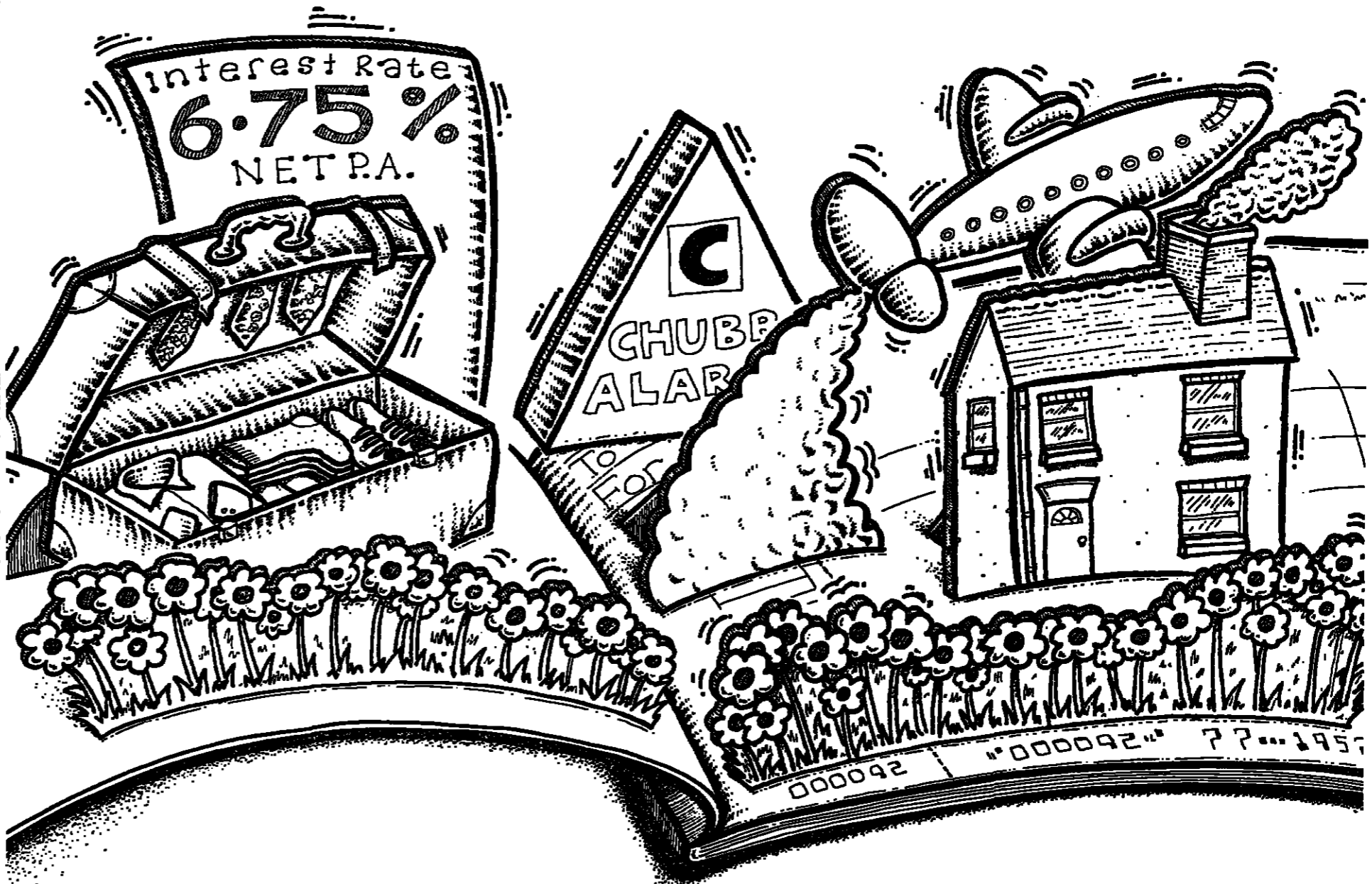
Talks between GPIS and Herrington began early this year. Herrington's spokesman said about 2,500 clients had been added to the its books. It will not take on responsibility for dealing with the aftermath of the Barlow Clowes affair, but would be willing to deal with the 10 per cent of clients who had been invested in the collapsed group.

The spokesman added that the sum paid for the transfer of business would depend on how many of the clients stayed with the new firm. GPIS's clients are spread throughout Britain. Although Herrington will not take on any of the directors or senior managers, some staff would be kept on, and the firm would take over GPIS' old office.

"GPIS wanted a more complete service for their clients than they could provide," added the spokesman. It has been negotiating with several independent brokers following the introduction of the Financial Services Act, which has made their role more difficult.

Vivien Goldsmith

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# FAMILY MONEY

## Retiring with health cover



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But hospital waiting lists in the NHS's 40th birthday year are longer than ever. If you want a hip replacement you may have to wait a year or more, according to the College of Health. You wait even longer for new knee joints.

Private health care may be flourishing, but few insurers have bothered with people over 65 - until recently. The sales pressure will be still stronger if the Government brings in tax relief on health insurance premiums. The political betting is that, at first anyway, the tax help will be confined to pensioners.

One patient in 10 has private medical cover, though it often comes through schemes in which the employer pays the bills, and

where there are big discounts. That cover disappears when you retire, and very few insurers will provide the full insurance that clients had previously.

All the same, more limited plans have been launched by BUPA, PPP (Private Patients Plan) and Western Provident in the past couple of months. One or two more general insurers, including Sun Alliance, are also in the market. The schemes apply only if you cannot get an NHS bed within a fixed time, usually of five to eight weeks. You should not need to call on them for emergencies such as a heart attack or stroke, but they may be useful for more humdrum complaints such as hip replacement or even bunions.

Checking what they cover is crucial, as some insure you only if you are in hospital for surgical treatment. That is certainly true of

BUPA's Low Cost Scheme. If a consultant recommends that you should have an operation and no NHS bed is available for five weeks, the low-cost scheme will pay all your bills.

"We cover the 100 most common operations," says Sheila Longley, of BUPA. "What's more, we do not just pay the surgeons' fees, but all the other costs, like bed charges, the cost of drugs, anaesthetists' fees and so on."

First, you need to discover whether you need an operation anyway. If you see a

consultant privately, BUPA will pay his fees, provided he recommends an operation. If not, you pay his bills. The scheme is open to anyone up to 74, and once you are in, you can stay in until death do you part. BUPA pays the costs up to £15,000 a year.

As the table shows, the scheme assesses your premiums according to where you stand in its age bands. Rates for men and women are the same, but getting older is not all that will raise the costs. BUPA will review its rates at least once a year and will probably raise premiums in line with medical costs, which tend to increase faster than prices generally.

The group stresses that it will not cover you for the cost of renal dialysis, open heart surgery, and one or two other conditions. The crucial point is to understand the contract's lim-

its. The elderly are far more likely to be ill at home than in hospital, and if they are in hospital they are unlikely to need surgery.

BUPA's costs vary, but the simple way to reduce them is to agree to pay the first £250 or £1,000 of any claim yourself.

Sun Alliance has a matching scheme, though this time you need a 12-week wait for a hospital bed before qualifying. The Sun Alliance plan covers you only up to £6,000 a year, even if the limit doubles for heart surgery or post-operation complications. On balance, the BUPA plan looks a better bargain.

PPP's new contract, the Retirement Health Plan, pays for hospital treatment, whether you need surgery or not - at least if you have had to wait for six weeks or more. There is even a consolation prize of £18 a day if you happen to find an NHS bed in the meantime.

The scheme deals only with treatable illnesses, so although you could claim on it for pneumonia, it certainly would not cover Alzheimer's disease. You need to be wary if you have had serious medical problems. No medical insurance scheme will cover the cost of treating conditions that you may have had when you joined. **Tom Tickell**

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### The best of both worlds

The continuing debate about public health care versus private medical provision often polarizes the factions. There is, however, a middle way for those who want to combine the benefits of the NHS and the private sector.

Such patients can opt for an NHS pay-bed as a private patient, paying the hospital's or clinic's accommodation charges and the cost of the treatment, or they can remain NHS patients and pay extra for the privacy of an amenity bed.

This week John Moore, the Social Services Secretary, said he wanted to see the NHS expanding the number of pay-beds and amenity beds. At present NHS hospitals in Eng-

land have 3,000 pay-beds. Medical insurance cover generally does not stipulate whether claimants may use an independent or an NHS hospital. It is up to patients, therefore, to discuss preference with their doctors.

Many insurance companies include cash benefits to NHS in-patients under their private treatment schemes. Those could be taken up if, say, there was only a short wait for an NHS bed or they could be used to pay for an amenity bed. Each scheme has its permutations, and lately insurance companies have become more imaginative.

Under one option in its Private Hospital Plan, for example, Private Patients Plan (PPP) meets private care costs in an NHS pay-bed or an independent hospital if there is more than a six-week wait for NHS treatment after the specialist's examination.

However, if treatment is received in an NHS hospital without charge, the PPP scheme will pay a cash benefit of £26 a night for adults and £13 a night for children. For someone insured with Health First, if NHS treatment is available within 42 days and the insured subsequently becomes an NHS patient, there is a cash benefit of £26 a night for those aged over 14, halved for children under 14.

Western Provident will pay £30 a day to NHS patients, to a maximum of £2,500 a year, under its Health Contract. For a couple in their mid-30s with

two children, the annual cost of cover for fully private treatment would range from £422.06 to £767.38 depending on their postcode.

Although the insurance companies pay for NHS pay-beds just as for private hospital beds, it is up to patients to arrange for an amenity bed. Amenity beds, however, may not always be available, as any NHS patient with a medical need for quiet or privacy will get priority.

Charges for NHS pay-beds and amenity beds are not uniform. The DHSS sets minimum charges and health authorities are now able to charge more to recover their costs.

The DHSS minimum for pay-beds, if the consultant's charges are being paid separately, ranges from £214 for a single room and £194 for shared accommodation in a London teaching hospital, to £134 (single) and £122 (shared) in a provincial general hospital. The prices, including the consultant's charge, would be £226 (single) and £206 (shared) in a London teaching hospital, and £142 (single) and £129 (shared) in a provincial general.

The cost of an amenity bed has hardly altered in recent years. In April the DHSS guidelines put the cost for a bed in a single room at £13 and £6.50 for one in a small ward, up £1 and 50p respectively on the previous year.

Pat Blair

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# FAMILY MONEY

## Aids patients face new benefit ban

Insurance companies that arrange payments for people when they cannot work because of ill health or accidents should exclude Aids sufferers, says an Institute of Actuaries study this week.

But several companies providing permanent health insurance (PHI) have already started putting this into practice. Abbey Life and Allied Dunbar introduced the exclusion clause on Friday last week, and other companies will soon follow.

Abbey Life reserves the right to ask all claimants to take a blood test and refuses to pay out any claim made by someone is HIV positive.

Allied Dunbar refuses payment only if the claim arises from a disability caused directly or indirectly by Aids. So if an HIV positive client was hurt in a car crash, a claim would be met.

Peter Redpath, senior prod-

uct consultant at Allied Dunbar, said: "The problem with Aids is not what you know, but what you don't know. We are all trying to quantify something that is not quantifiable. But we have to take some steps to safeguard our policyholders and ourselves."

The Institute of Actuaries report says new Aids cases could grow from 1,180 this year to 27,000 in 1996.

One problem for PHI insurers is possible claims from those who are HIV positive but do not yet have Aids. The working party warns that if all these claims were met they could cost insurers as much as all other sickness up to retirement age.

NEL Britannia, the UK's largest PHI underwriter, is to introduce an Aids exclusion clause, probably on August 1, after discussion with its reinsurers.

Victory Reinsurance prices

the risk. Peter Downing, the group actuary, says an exclusion clause is the only way of arriving at a fair price for PHI cover. "Unless there is an Aids exclusion clause," he says, "the degree of uncertainty is such that it makes fair pricing almost impossible."

Most people with PHI have the cover as a benefit from their employers. John Lockyer, a member of the Institute of Actuaries working party, said companies will find they have a responsibility to their workers who are HIV positive or develop Aids. Although they may not claim on their group PHI contracts, they may feel obliged to keep paying a wage, especially if the worker is excluded, not because he is unable to work but because colleagues will refuse to work with him out of prejudice.

The bulletin points out that although employers may not want to keep HIV sufferers on,

there is no real justification for this as the infection risk is "remote". An exclusion clause would remove the incentive from employers to sack those with HIV infection on the strength of the group health insurance policy.

The alternative to excluding Aids-related claims might be wider blood testing - with even those earning as little as £10,000 having to take a test before being accepted into a group scheme. Premiums would also rise, says the institute, whose members advise insurance companies on their policies.

Drugs such as zidovudine (formerly AZT) could add to the problem as they increase the life expectancy of Aids sufferers, says the institute's working party.

The latest UK figures show that 84 per cent of Aids sufferers are homosexual or bisexual men, 7 per cent are

drug addicts, and 6 per cent are haemophiliacs. Fewer than 4 per cent picked up the infection from heterosexual contact, and most of those contracted it abroad.

Chris Daykin, the working party chairman, said the premise that all HIV positive patients would contract Aids over 20 years. The average would be around eight or nine years.

The "permanent" in PHI means that once you have been accepted, you will still qualify for benefits, no matter how ill you become or how often you claim. Some policies pay a level monthly income, some are index-linked, and some have an investment element.

A 30-year-old man wanting a benefit of £100 a week would have to pay between £80 and £125 a year for the income to start four weeks after being unable to work and between £25 and £50 for six-month deferral. Some policies with a higher premium also include an investment element.

Vivien Goldsmith

### Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

For readers who may have missed a copy of The Times this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 29).

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2	+7	+6	+6	+4	+7		
3	+6	+2	+5	+5	+3		
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5	+7	+3	+7	+7	+5		
6	+6	+2	+3	+4	+2		
7	+9	+5	+5	+5	+8		
8	+6	+2	+4	+5	+2		
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### LETTER: IS THIS LEGAL?

I am a regular reader of your financial pages and have read your recent articles on the Financial Services Act and the new regulatory bodies. It is with these recent changes in mind that I would appreciate your comments, views or help on a particular difficulty I have been confronted with as a result of it.

It concerns a permanent health policy I applied for from Abbey Life (a unit-linked

HeathMaster Plan), for which a salesman from the company completed an application for me in early May. I received a letter on June 2 detailing the terms of the policy in relation to the premium, the deferred period, the cessation age and the projected cash value on expiry.

The letter concludes by stating: "These terms are valid for 30 days... please sign and return a copy of this letter

signifying your acceptance."

On attending the local branch with my cheque and signed letter on July 1 (the 30th day) I was informed they could only assume risk on a modified policy because of the implications of the new legislation. The modifications include an Aids exclusion and no cash value on expiry. This is obviously not what was offered originally. Is it legal? Dr M.D. PEEL, Bristol.

Abbey Life replies: Dr Peel's policy application was processed during the transition in which our HealthMaster product was being modified to comply fully with the Financial Services Act and to include an Aids exclusion clause. In the circumstances we are offering Dr Peel the new HealthMaster product with appropriate amendments which we hope will satisfy him.

## North America goes to the top

Australia was displaced by north America last month as the best-performing unit trusts sector. Singapore and Hong Kong provided some competition and MIM Britannia Singapore ASEAN headed Opal Statistics' June performance table, with a 24.81 per cent gain. But otherwise trusts based in the United States and Canada dominated the top 25 table and nine of the top ten trusts were north American.

"It's all in the dollar," says

Michael Dukakis.

His caution is borne out by Opal's figures over one year and five years. Over one year Japan dominates, and Mr Edwards believes this sector may improve further.

Preference share trusts have also done well over a year, reflecting the attractions of their steady yields, but share prices are dull. Mr Edwards predicts their reign may be over now that interest rates are on the way up.

Europe was more prominent among investment trusts. Continental Assets and Second Market, both of which invest in smaller companies, produced gains of 22.06 per cent and 18.37 per cent respectively.

Investors should note, however, that Opal's statistics on investment trusts do not reflect dealing costs, whereas those on unit trusts do.

Jeremy Oldershaw, investment trust analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, says one reason for the weaker north American showing of investment trusts could be that so few investment trusts specialise purely in that market.

The strength of European trusts during June reflects recent strength in European markets. Over one year, however, the Japanese economy's resilience shows through as strongly in the performance of Japanese investment trusts as it does in unit trusts.

Maria Scott

### TOP RATINGS

#### TOP 10 AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS: £100 invested from July 1, 1987, to July 1, 1988

Fund	Performance
Royal Trust Preference Share	139.65
NM Australian	135.35
MIM Britannia Japan Smaller Companies	134.05
NM Schroder Japan Smaller Companies	130.27
Target Preference Share	126.25
Hill Samuel Japanese Technology	121.51
Dunedin Japan Smaller Companies	120.05
MSG Japan Smaller Companies	120.82
Kleinwort Barr Japanese Spec	120.00
EFM Smaller Japanese Companies	117.96
Cumulative offer-to-bid performance with income reinvested	Statistics: Micropal

#### TOP 10 INVESTMENT TRUSTS: £100 invested from June 30, 1987, to June 30, 1988

Trust	Performance
Korea Europe	150.14
Rights & Issues - Income	130.25
BG Shin Nippon	129.48
BG Japan	127.04
Fundinvest 85/90 - Income	118.7
St Davids - Income	117.96
Fleming Japanese	117.87
Rights & Issues - Capital	117.64
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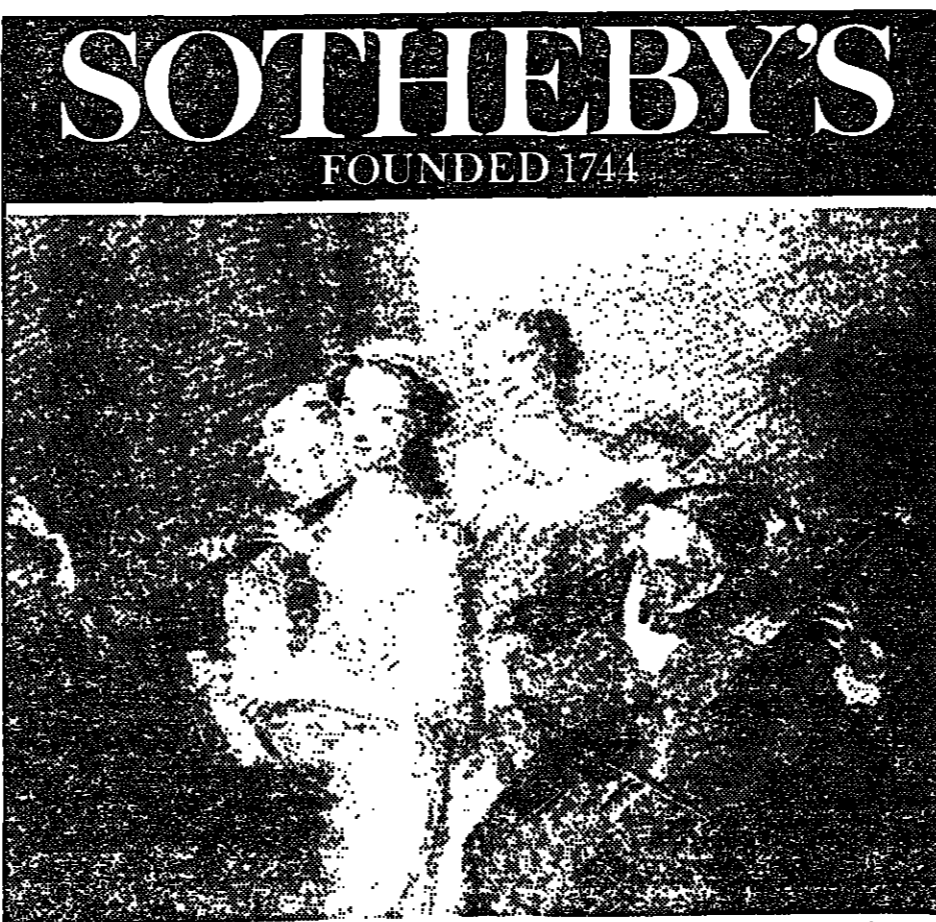
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Suspended police cannot sue

Calveley and Others v Chief Constable of Merseyside Police. Worrall and Others v Same Park v Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police.

Act 1964 and the Police (Discipline) Regulations (SI 1977 No 530). They too claimed special damages for lost overtime earnings and general damage for anxiety, vexation and injury to reputation.

law supervisory function of the High Court. His Lordship would reject the proposition that the investigating officer was under a common-law duty of care also on the ground that there was a public interest in the free and fearless investigation of such complaints.

(1986) QB 424). There was also a right of appeal to the Home Secretary. His Lordship would accordingly dismiss the appeals.

Ackerman and Another v Protim Service Ltd and Another. Before Lord Justice Kerr and Mr Justice Swinton Thomas (Judgment June 24).

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the first defendant, Protim Service Ltd ("Protim"), from an order dated November 20, 1987, of Judge Martin, QC, sitting at Bloomsbury County Court.

running the full length of the room and was partly embedded in the brickwork of the front wall just below the balcony and floorboards.

on account of something which could properly be described as a "failure to keep the property in a state of repair and weatherproof condition".

Breach of evidence Act codes was fatal to conviction

Regina v Aboloun. Before Lord Justice Bingham, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Waite (Judgment July 1).

Court of Appeal replaced the conviction of possession with intent with a conviction for possession only with a £75 fine.

shall without delay cease to question him. "11.3 (a) An accurate record must be made of each interview with a person suspected of an offence." (b) The record made during the course of the interview unless... this would not be practicable or would interfere with the conduct of the interview...

the court, said that the appellant had emptied his pockets under the supervision of the custody officer. He was then asked if that was all and replied affirmatively.

about 11.33pm. No formal record of the questions and answers had been shown or signed by the appellant.

Breakfast is 'board'

In Otter v Norman (The Times July 8) the upper and lower parts of the second leg of our report were accidentally transposed.

amounted to "board" under section 7(1) of the Rent Act 1977 so as to defeat the tenant's claim to a protected tenancy.

Correction

In Holwell v Council of Licensed Conveyancers (The Times July 8) Sidley, Brown & Co acted as London agents for Levi & Co, Leeds; and it should have been made clear that Mr Holwell was at liberty to apply to the council for re-admission.

List of degrees awarded by the University of Southampton

Table listing degrees awarded by the University of Southampton. Columns include Faculty, Degree Name, and a list of students with their names and honors.

John Blunsden checks over men and machines for tomorrow's British Grand Prix

Mansell will lap up a rainy day

The Shell Oils British Grand Prix, tomorrow's highlight of the two-day meeting at Silverstone this weekend...

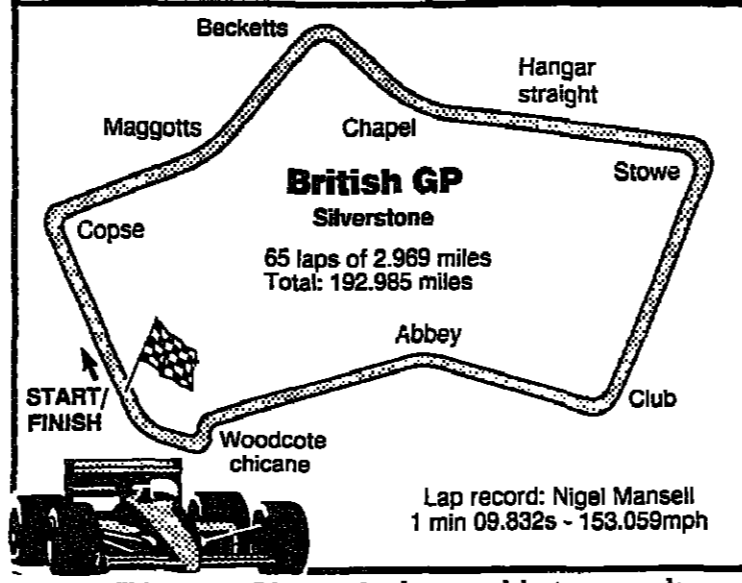
Benetton, who have exclusive use of the Ford DFR V8 power units this year, have emerged on top...

It is a season which, despite the overwhelming domination by the Marlboro McLaren team...

A few races ago Ferrari experienced something of a dip in their traditional reliability but they seem to have recovered and they remain a thorn in the side of the Lotus team...

However, the Arrows team's decision to stick with the turbo-charged Megatron engine for a final season has been vindicated by the team's best season to date...

The Williams team are going through a tough, difficult time with the team's potentially advantageous but so far not very reliable reactive suspension system...



British GP Silverstone 65 laps of 2.989 miles Total: 192.985 miles Lap record: Nigel Mansell 1 min 09.832s - 153.059mph

programme will include a 17-lap round of the Renault EN Turbo Europa Cup contest for GT cars...

be a celebratory parade commemorating 40 years of Silverstone and 40 years of Jaguar-powered cars...

SILVERSTONE GUIDE

How to get there BY CAR: Circuit on the A43 five miles from Towcester...

Programme TODAY: 7.15-8.15: pit lane walkabout for holders of centre tickets...

SILVERSTONE TV

BBC1 10.40-11.20 p.m.: Formula One highlights. BBC2 1.30-7.05 p.m.: Live coverage.

RACING

Conditions perfect for Diminundo to land Oaks double

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Steady showers yesterday afternoon should have produced perfect going for the first running of the Irish Oaks...

This must have increased still further the confidence of Henry Cecil that the Sheikh will win his own race with Diminundo.

Unbeaten in four starts last season, she had to be content with place money behind Ravinella in the 1,000 Guineas...

A comfortable victory in the Muskidora Stakes at York was the prelude to a still more exciting win in the Gold Seal Oaks at Epsom last month...

Michael Stoute runs his Italian Oaks winner Melodius but she is hardly up to this standard...



Paul Kelleway: each-way chance with Miss Boniface

Irish Oaks with Dahlia, supplies the only French runner, Silver Lane...

Vincent O'Brien's major candidate, Dark Lomond, had to be withdrawn from the race earlier in the week...

Over the Oaks trip she could reverse Pretty Polly Stakes placings with Ardlion...

Sheikh Mohammed will also go close in the Curragh Cup with Staircase...

Andrew Longmore on the dream-script of Derek Warwick

Arrows man aims to make big bow

Derek Warwick has a simple script for the British Grand Prix tomorrow: "The two McLaren stop, the Ferrari spin off and I win the race."

and nearly strangling the whole team, I was so disappointed. But after the last three years, a fourth would be like a win...

heroics and hard luck stories are not enough. There are still huge acres of unfulfilled potential in Warwick's solid frame...

On his form over the past three seasons, that would have seemed the height of optimism...

Last year at Silverstone, in a largely uncompetitive car, Warwick drove heroically to finish fifth...

In Canada he had an accident in practice and could easily have pulled out of the race. He did not and, with his side splitting with pain...

He would just like to remind a few people that long before Mansell was winning grands prix...

"I think I've got recognition, from journalists and the public, but I've not got the self-satisfaction of having done it...

The one thing that kept me sane during the last few years was my drives for Jaguar and I would have paid good money to cross the finishing line at Le Mans first time...

Not just survivors but one of top six

By his own admission, there has been a change of priorities, too. He still talks fondly of his early, hopeful days with the Toleman team...

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Turning down the priority boost: Warwick, for whom a fourth place would be like a first

Let us now praise the sons of famous men

By a Special Correspondent

While the famous names of Formula One prepare for the British Grand Prix, another race with famous names in it will take place before tomorrow's main event...

And these famous fathers will be anxiously watching their sons' performance, no doubt giving them pre-race advice and acting as a calming, relaxing, influence on an awe-inspiring occasion...

Managed and coached by the 1982 world champion, Keke Rosberg, he does not lack voluble promotion. His dramatic driving style has earned him a 21-point lead over Martin Donnelly...

He points out that, at the age of 33, he is younger than Mansell, albeit by a mere 19 days. "Why should I retire? I'm fitter than I've ever been, driving better than at any time in my career..."

Justin Bell, aged 20 last February, is lying fourth in the championship and tomorrow's will be his first race of the season. David Brabham, aged 22, the youngest of the three sons of Brabham...

With Rosberg's support, and the advice of James Hunt, the 1976 champion, coming with his sponsorship deal with Marlboro, great things are expected of him...

The answer would be victory in his home grand prix. But only a diehard romantic or an incurable optimist would dare to write that script.

And the excitement of final British Grand Prix qualifying, today's Lucas British Formula three race gives J. J. Lehto yet another opportunity to stamp his authority on the series in front of the Formula One team managers...

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CURRAGH FIELD BBC1 & C4

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Carmelite House has fine chance

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

The powerful duo of Carmelite House and Sanquiro represent Henry Cecil in the 248,450 Prix Eugene Adam at Saint-Cloud tomorrow.

of the home team, but the form of that classic was let down by the winner in the Irish Derby. Raise A Memory was her only start this year...

With the softened ground, Carmelite House, the choice of Steve Causton, has an outstanding chance. After disappointing in the St James's Palace Stakes on his reappearance...

At Epsom tomorrow, John Dunlop's Pretoria (Paul Cook) carries English hopes in the ponderously-named Ludwig Goebels-Erinnerungsrennen, a group three event over an extended 11 furlongs.

Saint-Cloud line-up

Going: good to soft 4.0 Prix Eugene Adam (Group 1 248,450: 5Y-O: 1m 20) (10 runners)

Leading jockey Pat Eddery picked his own tactics on Rainwald in the Mail On Sunday Three-Year-Old Series Handicap and made virtually all the running to beat the 3-1 favourite, Native Fair, by four lengths.

Zaffaran justifies solid support with facile win

Zaffaran, on offer yesterday morning at 9-4 and 2-1, was all the rage for the Singapore Airlines Manchester Handicap at York yesterday, starting 5-4 favourite and came home an easy winner by four lengths from Pillar Of Fire.

ite Time To Go Home by two lengths the Black Duck Stakes. Gary Barrow, who rode the winner, said: "I thought I had no chance of catching him, but my filly is so game."

Jimmy Scott, representing winning trainer Michael Stoute, said: "Zaffaran really likes faster ground than this. He might have the Irish St Leger as one of his targets at the end of the season, but it all depends on the state of the ground."

Reg Hollinhead, who saddled the runner-up, performed by Tony Cuhane, said: "That must be the best race Time To Go Home has run. I'm very pleased with him."

National Stud buys Chilbang

The National Stud has bought Chilbang, the winner of last month's King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot, from Mrs H J Heinz. The four-year-old grey will take up stud duties next year and be syndicated at a fee of £11,000.

Sound advice from Starkey

Indian Baba saw off 17 rivals in a keenly contested Maiden Stakes at Lingfield Park yesterday, thanks to the wisdom of Greville Starkey.

By Formidable out of the Skymaster mare, Chili Girl, Chilbang has won nine races. He will be leased back to Mrs Heinz for the rest of the season and stays with John Dunlop.

Starkey rode him that day, and immediately advised: "Take the blinkers off and put him over the fence and he'll be a winner." This advice was followed by Starkey's one-time beneficiary, who won yesterday Tony Clark, who won by half a length on Indian Baba.

Jersey ride

The Princess Royal flies to the Channel Islands today to ride Kuwaiti Sun, favourite for the Irish Derby, at Les Landes racetracks.

ATHLETICS

Learning the hard way

By Barry Trowbridge

Few athletics meetings in the world can be better organized than the English schools championships. Such is the precision of the timetable that, so long as you have a programme, you can dispense with a wrist-watch. Where else will you find two races on one track at the same time?

The British high jump record with a leap of 2.25 metres. One of those victors last year, Fiona May, the present British No. 1, who was unlucky to be omitted from the team for the 1987 world championships, is back to defend her long jump crown.

This year's festival concludes today at Yeovil, the two-day meeting involving 234 track races and 49 competitions in the field. Last year, four schools champions went on to win gold at the European junior (men under-20, women under-19) championships, and in 1983, on an unforgettable afternoon in Plymouth, Geoff Parsons broke

The roll of honour for the senior boys 200 metres perhaps gives the best illustration of the quality of the meeting: 1957: Robbie Brightwell; 1959 and 1960: Adrian Metcalfe; 1975: Francis Thompson (better known these days as Daley); 1977: Mike McFarlane; 1979: Phil Brown; 1980 and 1981: Donovan Reid; 1982: Lincoln Asquith; 1987: Peter Crampton.

BBC GRAND PRIX LINE

For reports of Friday and Saturday qualifying PLUS post race analysis of Sunday's British G.P. Ring 0898 6543 13 Today

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

CRICKET Refuge Assurance League 2.0, 40 overs CHELMSFORD: Essex v Glamorgan. SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Gloucestershire. CANTERBURY: Kent v Middlesex. OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Somerset. NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire. TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire. THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire. NOVELL: Sussex v Warwickshire.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL BUDWEISER LEAGUE: London Olympians v London Ravens (7.0). EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire (Chesterton). HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Buckinghamshire v Sussex (Marlow). Kent v Middlesex (Bowlers Simpsondown). Surrey v Oxfordshire (Reid). MIDLAND COUNTIES LEAGUE: Leicestershire v Worcestershire (Kingston Victoria). Northamptonshire v Derbyshire (Wellingborough). Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire (Coventry Avenue).

TOMORROW

CRICKET Benson and Hedges Cup Final 11.0 to 7.30, 55 overs LORD'S: Derbyshire v Hampshire. TOUR MATCH 11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0 TROWBRIDGE: Minor Counties v West Indians. MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Eastern division: Barnet v Cumberland. Western division: Devon v Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire v Herefordshire (Frampton-on-Severn). Wiltshire v Hampshire (Trowbridge Westgate).

SPORT ON TV

CRICKET: BBC2 3.25-7.25 p.m. Highlights: 10.10-11 p.m.: Benson and Hedges Cup final: Derbyshire v Hampshire from Lord's. CYCLING: C4 8.30-7 p.m.: Tour de France 1988: Seventh stage: Wasquehal to Rama. FOOTBALL: ITV 4 a.m. (tomorrow): Major League Soccer: Dallas v Wichita. GOLF: BBC2 12-12.45 a.m. (tomorrow): Bell's Scottish open championships: Highlights of the final round from Glenelg. GRANDSTAND: BBC1 10.45 a.m.-6.05 p.m.: Cricket: Benson and Hedges Cup final: Derbyshire v Hampshire from Lord's. Rugby League: Australia v Great Britain: Highlights from Sydney. MOTOR SPORT: BBC1 10.40-11.20 p.m.: Shell Oil British Grand Prix Formula One highlights from Silverstone (see also Sunday Grandstand).





CYCLING: SUSSEX RIDER BECOMES FIRST BRITON TO WIN TIME-TRIAL STAGE IN TOUR DE FRANCE

Yates earns place in record books

From John Wilcockson, Wasquehal

There are few more modest athletes than Sean Yates... Yates, aged 28, from Forest Row, Sussex, knows he has no chance of winning the tour, but his name will go down in race history as the first British cyclist to win a time-trial stage of the tour.

Mottet, of France, 68 seconds behind Yates... Yates could barely believe his good fortune, but his great effort will ensure that he will be offered a much higher salary next year with the Fagor team, who announced yesterday that their leader, Stephen Roche, has resigned for the team until 1992.

Two weeks ago, Yates was given an ultimatum that he had to re-sign his contract or risk his participation in the tour... The slow-talking Englishman is enjoying his best season since turning professional six years ago.

He may not win the tour but almost certainly he will improve on his best previous placing, 94th in 1984... Yates was given an ultimatum that he had to re-sign his contract or risk his participation in the tour.



Power: Sean Yates races to victory in yesterday's sixth stage of the Tour de France

RUGBY UNION

England face stark choices if they want to compete

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

John Burgess, the outgoing president, stressed at the Rugby Football Union's annual meeting in London yesterday that "emergency measures" were required if England is not to slip further behind the world's leading rugby nations.

Wales delay choice of national coach

The Welsh Rugby Union has deferred for a further week the choosing of the national coach for the next three years... Tony Gray, who has held the position for the last 31 months, is up for re-election and faces opposition from eight other applicants.

Pritchard is preparing himself for sacrifice

By Peter Bryan

John Pritchard, the national 25-mile champion, is preparing to sacrifice himself if necessary in the hope that his Polytechnic CC, can win tomorrow's 100km (62 1/2 miles) team time trial championship at Clevedon.

Stewart shakes off painful arm injury to set the pace

From Patricia Davies, Paris

In between eating and sleeping, Gillian Stewart plays golf, and yesterday she did so to such good effect that she led the Hennessy Cup at St Germain near Paris, after two rounds. The Scot, who has been hampered by tennis elbow ailments, returned a 70, two under par, for a total of 143, one under.

Slip by Scotland lets England in

By David Rhys Jones

England took full advantage of an unexpected slip up by Scotland and Ireland in a chance of winning the World title in the NatWest Home International series for the fifth year in succession at Larne, Northern Ireland yesterday.

ITF serves a fourfold volley of bans on South Africa

By John Goodbody

South Africa received another blow yesterday in its estrangement from world sport when the International Tennis Federation voted to remove the South African championships from the list of events it officially recognizes and to exclude the republic from the Davis Cup, Federation Cup and World Youth Cup.

Scots face English in semi-finals

Scotland, the defending champions, held off a spirited Danish challenge to set up a meeting with England, conquerors of Wales, in today's semi-final of the European Boys Team Championship at Reading.

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Dutch spring surprise

Soal (AFP) - The Netherlands unexpectedly defeated the top seeds, Australia, 1-1 here yesterday in a three-nation pre-Olympic tournament.

CROQUET Prichard gets a call-up in Solomon Cup

Britain and Ireland meet the United States for the new Commonwealth Cup at Cheltenham Croquet Club on today until Wednesday (A Special Correspondent writes).

EVENING RACING Chester

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Promise of new era by Lane and Chapman

By Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent

Roger Chapman and Barry Lane yesterday gave promise of an exciting new era in British golf as they captured a share of the lead in the Bell's Scottish Open alongside the Australian, Peter Fowler, at the Gleneagles Hotel.

Card of course table with columns for Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par, and Total

a 67 to finish on 205 and one shot ahead of Jose Rivero (72), of Spain. Wayne Smith (67), of Australia, Lyle (69) and O'Meara (67).

some precise driving and confident putting. He holed putts of 15ft and 20ft on the fourth and fifth greens for two of his five birdies.



Aiming for glory: Chapman swings smoothly into the joint lead in Scottish Open

Alboreto takes provisional pole position

By John Blunsden

It paid to be quick off the mark during the qualifying yesterday for the Shell Oil British Grand Prix.

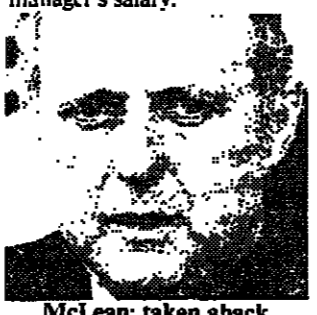
reactively-suspended Williams in which he managed only one flying lap before sliding off the circuit at Copse Corner and banging his right leg as the car rode the kerbing at something over 140mph.

Split over TV soccer deepens

The Football League crisis over television contracts deepened yesterday as the split between the two sides was given concrete expression.

McLean's resignation brings United crisis

Jim McLean, British football's longest serving club manager, resigned from his position with Dundee United yesterday following his £4,000 fine and three-season ban from the dugout.



McLean: taken aback

McLean, whose departure seems likely to be followed by the resignation of George Fox, the chairman, said that he could no longer work within the framework of discipline and punishment imposed by the Scottish Football Association.

Injured Bates battles through to final

A nagging injury affected Jeremy Bates's performance as he struggled to reach the final of the Charminster Insurance Bournemouth hardcourt championships yesterday.

End of the line for Lewis

Audible sighs of relief could be heard coming from the Great Britain camp yesterday at the news that Wally Lewis, the Australian stand-off half and captain, tormentor and mesmerizer of the Poms, has decided to retire from international football after today's third and final Whitbread Trophy Rugby League international between Australia and Great Britain in Sydney.

Games are postponed

The proposed Common Market Games will not take place in 1989, but it is still hoped to stage the inaugural multi-sports event in 1991.

Late starter McKean follows familiar path

Tom McKean goes into a potential meeting with Steve Cram over 800 metres in Nice tomorrow, with the Scot and his coach, Tommy Boyle, still being criticized for having too few races before his disaster in last year's world championships.

Lendl's citizenship held up

Washington (Reuters) - Ivan Lendl, the Czechoslovak tennis player, is unlikely to become a United States citizen in time to play for them in the Seoul Olympics in September, a congressional aide said yesterday.

SPORT IN BRIEF

First entry: Tredegar and South Wales Police will be taking part in the Shelling rugby sevens event at Newport on August 27 for the first time, bringing the total number of clubs competing to 18.

Expert warns of traffic in growth hormone

An Australian expert on the misuse of drugs yesterday warned that American parents were already asking doctors to boost the size of their children for an advantage in sport by prescribing Human Growth Hormone (HGH).

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